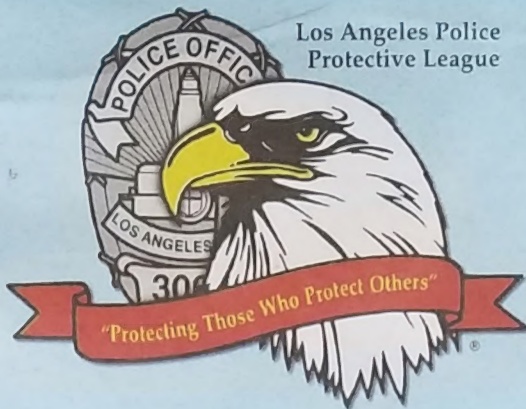


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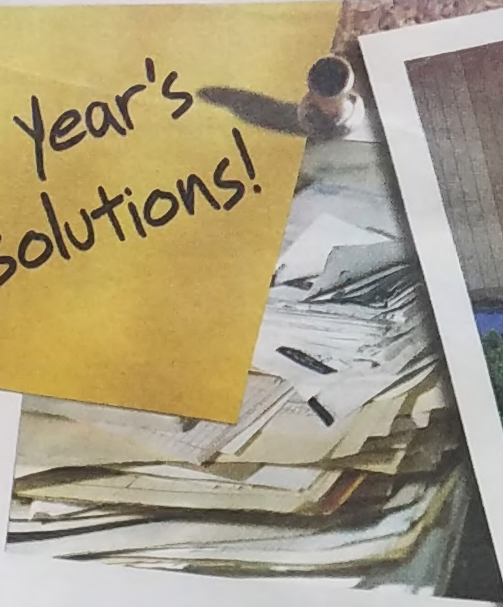
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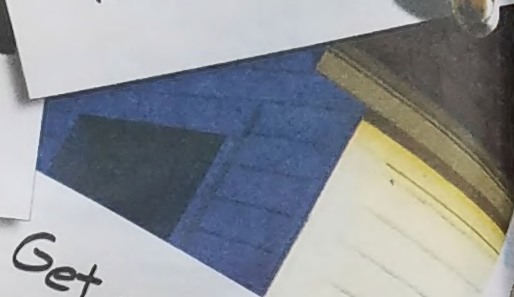
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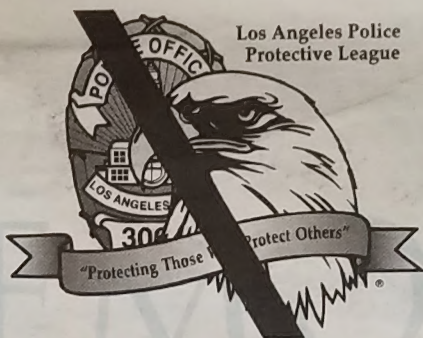
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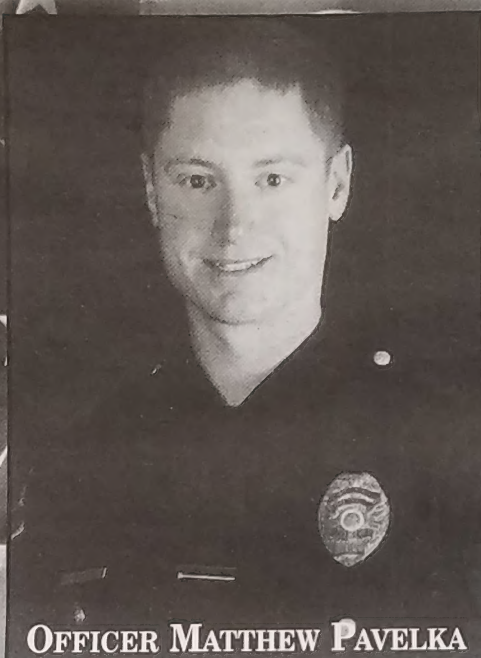




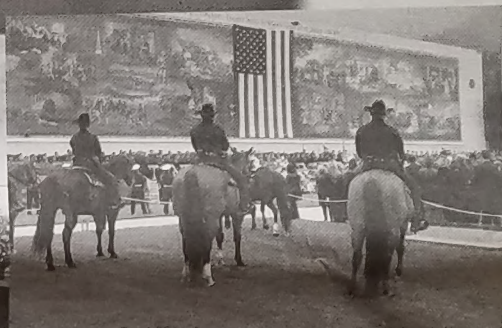
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## TRIBUTE TO OFFICER PAVELKA

**Burbank Police Department**



**OFFICER MATTHEW PAVELKA**



Officer Matthew Pavelka of the Burbank Police Department lost his life on the night of November 15, 2003, performing the duty he had sworn to uphold for the citizens of Burbank, while his partner, Gregory Campbell, currently recovers from multiple gunshot wounds. I cannot pretend to know what it is like to lose a family member in the line of duty, but I can recall from my own law enforcement career how the loss of a fellow officer affects the entire department and the community it serves. At a time like that, we are all family, one and all...

Words are hard to come by at a time when you feel such an ache in your heart for the family who lost a loved one, for his fellow officers, and for yourself because the community of law enforcement is a tight knit one. I did not know Officer Matthew Pavelka, but I know his kind, the kind you also know. He was the kind that smiled at you when you met him in his patrol car, or waved as he drove by, or stopped and offered help if he thought you might need assistance. He was young with a bright career ahead of him and so his loss is unexpected, even in a profession where risk is a known factor each time an officer puts on his uniform. He was the kind that made you feel good about your local police department and what it stands for.

That is the reputation and nature of the Burbank Police Department, and I am proud to live in this wonderful community. As we all pray desperately for the recovery of his partner, Gregory Campbell, we are angry that this could happen in our relatively safe community where no officer has fallen since 1920. Nevertheless, the loss of Matthew is still one too often and one too soon and one too many. There are no statistics or reasons that can support the loss of any officer under any conditions.

As we wait, and as we mourn, we realize only time will soothe the ache in our hearts somewhat for the loss of a husband, a son, a fellow officer, and a friend, but the pain will never go away entirely because it is not meant to be that way. We will remember always how it happened, where it happened, when it happened, but we will never understand why it happened.

I take personal pride in the fact that I have several personal friends on the Burbank Police Department, some who I meet on occasion for coffee in the morning, and they are easy to talk to. Right now I don't really know what to say to them because words of condolence seem so futile at a time like this. However, we must all rally around the family, the department, and the community to do what we can to make sure this never happens again. They need our support now more than ever. A young officer in his prime went on duty Saturday to serve his community, but in so doing he gave his life, and is no longer with us. He is with God, but he will remain in our hearts forever, and that is as it should be. May God have mercy on his soul.

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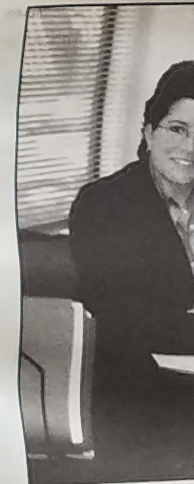
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## NEW YEAR, MORE CHANGES

Bob Baker, President

With the New Year, we know we should expect more changes at the Department as further reforms are implemented and the city's public safety needs continue to evolve. There have been many changes that have taken place at the Department thus far since Chief Bratton joined the LAPD in 2002, and he and the entire command staff have continued to evaluate the needs of the Department and community to determine what structural, resource and personnel changes must be made to continue the growth and improvement of the LAPD.

While all of this sounds promising, we remain concerned that the "big ideas" are taking precedence over the more practical needs and requirements of officers who are daily trying to make our community safer. Rather than thinking about how these ideas will affect how officers do their jobs – essentially putting themselves in the shoes of those they manage – some members of the command staff seem to be more interested in putting out competitive, big ideas that make themselves look intellectual and clever, rather than striving for practical solutions that actually work.

I must make clear that this is not a general statement about all management – there are some that genuinely have the interests of officers at heart and are making changes that help them do their

jobs. But when others are focused more on making sure that officers have front license plates on their private vehicles than on policy that might help improve public safety, one must wonder what the real focus of the reforms is.

In November, John Linder and John Hunter presented the results of a survey that was taken by approximately 25 percent of the sworn members of the Department. Generally, results showed that officers feel the Department is suffering from resource deprivation because of the extremely low ratio of officers to the city's population. The vast majority of officers feel that the community plays a big role and would welcome more community interaction. The overall picture reflects that officers have a sense of the momentum of change and that they are very optimistic about the future – faith in Chief Bratton is extremely high.

The survey says it all – the rank and file is confident in Chief Bratton's direction, but we can't make change just for sake of change. The biggest, and most beneficial, change anyone can implement is to hire more officers. It is this initiative that will set us on a future path to success.

The rank and file is tired. Officers have tried for years now to do more with less, but it's getting to a point where more and

more is being expected of law enforcement personnel – particularly with homeland security measures on the rise – but resources and personnel are staying stagnant or, worse yet, decreasing.

The news is not positive for Los Angeles. While discussions have begun about the possibility of implementing a tax to raise more money for police services – and allow for the hiring of more officers – this will not happen anytime soon. In addition to this, the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program – which added more than 100,000 cops to local police forces and helped to cut crime to historically low rates during the past decade – is being phased out by Washington and many local governments are finding that they can't afford to keep many of the officers on the street. Unfortunately, COPS is being eliminated at a time when crime is back on the upswing.

We need more cops.

Unfortunately, as you well know, it's not as simple as running out to a career fair and signing up new recruits. If that

were the case, we would probably be turning people away. As government budgets at all levels continue to be squeezed – and we face challenges such as the cuts in COPS program funding – there is not much left to hire more officers, and definitely not 2,500 more officers.

But there are things that can be done, and the City Council was on the right track when it started discussing the possibility of a property tax or increase in sales tax to fund public safety initiatives. We need the City Council and the community to back our law enforcement personnel and take steps to fund an increase in our force.

These are the kinds of ideas that will get us somewhere – not more ideas on how to regulate officers more closely or do more rearranging at the Department. There are a lot of bright minds in this Department and leading our city, and now is the time for them to put their best ideas into action to helping the Department grow to the strength we need to better serve both our city and our officers. ♦

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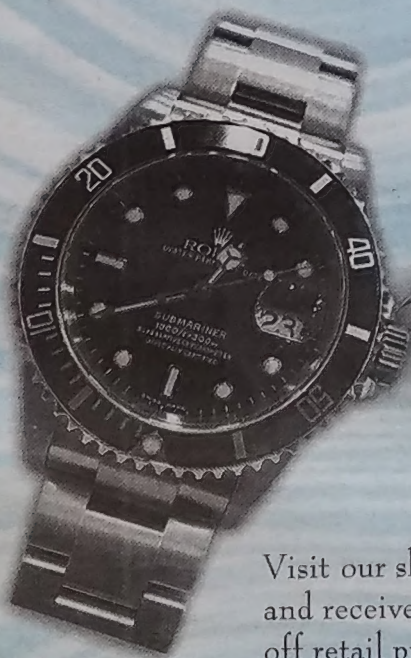


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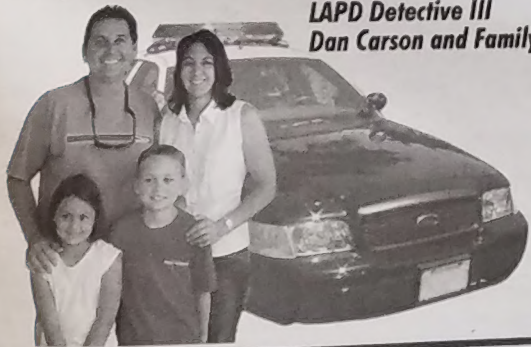
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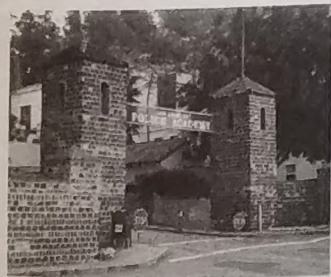
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## TAXES AND SPENDING

Ted Hunt, Secretary

### Too Many Taxes ?

The topics of taxation and government spending generate a lot of emotion and passionate political feelings. The current financial problems facing the State of California will probably get worse.

**NO ONE** wants or likes to pay taxes and yet everyone wants something from government.

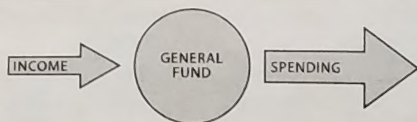
There is a built-in battle every year at budget time: What programs get money, how much do they get and what is the money used for? The resolution to the battle is called "the budget dance."

There are three structural elements that cause the same budget problems to recur each year. The issues are emotionally charged which develops intense passion. Those doing battle are usually true believers in their cause. They will not budge from their position which creates a stalemate that prevents meaningful change to either the budget dance or the spending patterns.

We need to fix the:

1. Structural Deficit
2. Structural Gap
3. Revenue System by Restructuring

The Structural Deficit is really very simple. It is illustrated in the diagram. The State spends more money than it takes in.



The Structural Gap is a little different. It is the difference between what people say they want from government and the amount they are willing to tax themselves to pay for it.

We have a Structural Gap at LAPD. They want us to work more overtime but don't put enough money in the overtime account. To solve the problem, they would have to put more money into the overtime fund. In order to get more money to put there requires more taxes or cutting other spending somewhere else. But where?

The basic philosophy of the Democrats appears to be spend on governmental programs. Republicans say they want to cut - cut taxes, spending and bloated bureaucracy. We all agree with that.

But the dilemma for police officers is that we are government employees and many times the politicians want to cut our pay, benefits and pensions. There is a large segment of the electorate and elected officials who feel that we, as police officers, make too much money.

Each year in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., there is a pitched battle over funding. Part of my task at the

League is to get money flowing back to the City of Los Angeles in order to fill up the City's General Fund so there is enough to pay us.

Our League has the most serious and focused effort of any police union in the state and nation, to help get funds back to our City. We work with the Mayor, City Council, and Chief Bratton to make it happen.

How is California's financial mess going to be "fixed?"

The financial mess isn't unique to California. Nearly all states and the United States have suffered with a bad economy. Some states have cut, cut, cut. For example, Ft. Pierce, FL: 14 officer positions eliminated; Oregon: 84 state officers laid off; Anne Arundel County, MD: 16 officers laid off; Fremont, CA: 27 police department employees laid off. LA Sheriffs haven't settled their contract; Orange County Sheriffs settled their contract: no raise in salary, but an increase in medical.

Yet in all of this financial mess, the City of Los Angeles decided to invest in its police officers and gave us a raise and increased the medical subsidy. The City Council and Mayor have invested in us. We need to make good on that investment by rededicating ourselves to making Los Angeles the safest big city in America. We're responsible for public safety. Let's show the world what we can do.

### Revenue System

The Revenue System is a complex web of complex and conflicting laws the size of several telephone books. Taxes usually don't go toward what we'd assume they'd go to. The perfect example is the Vehicle License Fee (VLF), or the car tax. Because it's a car tax, you'd assume that it

goes toward roads and highways. The car tax was intended to fund local governments, including police and fire.

The car tax dates back to the earliest days of automobiles (1901) when cars were first taxed as personal property. As time went on, each county taxed cars at a different rate. To make the taxes even and fair from county to county, the state began to collect the local property (car) tax and then give it back to local governments after the state took a small administrative fee.

In 1998, the State Legislature passed a law to reduce the car tax. But since the VLF wasn't the state's to take, the state agreed to pay local government for losses by "back filling." That means taking money out of the State's General Fund and giving it to local governments.

The 1998 law also stated that when the General Fund didn't have enough money to pay "backfill," the car tax would go back to the way it was prior to 1998 and stay that way until the state was flush again.

But recently, the legislature failed to keep its promise and cut the city's "backfill," the tax money that goes to pay us.

### Constitutional Amendments

Many conflicts are Amendments to the California Constitution which were passed by voters. They're called Ballot Initiatives or Propositions. Few people ever read them and make up their minds how to vote - to amend the Constitution - based on 30-second TV or radio sound bites.

Proposition 13 was passed by the voters in 1978, by a margin of 65% to 35%. In 1979, the Gann Amendment passed 74% to 26%, strictly limiting how much

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Apparently, if you are a cop in Mexico, you can kill a cop in Mexico and not face justice in the U.S. That is the only lesson that can be learned from the recent capture of David A. Garcia, who was a bank cop killer named A. Garcia, November 15th.

The above statement seems harsh - but that is the reality that exists today. Garcia is not the only cop to Mexico to avoid justice. A cop killer named A. Garcia (no relation to the Garcia) gunned down a County Deputy Sheriff during a traffic stop in Mexico, where he fled to Mexico, where he was a fugitive. However, Mexico has made it clear that, if caught, Armand Garcia will be returned unless California (1) not seek the death penalty or a term of life imprisonment which the Mexican government are cruel and unusual punishment.

Mexico has repeatedly returned suspects to the U.S. in instances where concerned may face a penalty or life imprisonment to the death. entrenched, in 2000, Supreme Court decisions could not occur. A life sentence was placed on a ruling placed Mexico of demanding that all the world - especially - either change their form to what Mexico state, or have killers and those countries roam safe from extradition.

There are presently alleged killers from Los Angeles alone that officials have to Mexico to escape punishment. last year, the Justice Department about 800 open extradition fugitives in Mexico. All felons now are enjoying of Mexico, even when they are in the U.S. It is not enough to shield these killers. Mexico actively sought to interview 51 convicted killers in the United States who are unable to execute a warrant to the World Court decision ordering the stay the executions of felons on death row. would ignore the order.

The U.S. government this ruling as an unwarranted on the criminal justice United States, and a U.S. sovereignty. In the penalty, for instance, California, through their representatives, decided it is a crime in our jurisdiction have to face the penalty. Similarly, the that the United States prison terms that should be rejected.





## MEXICAN JUSTICE FOR COP KILLERS IS A MIXED BAG

Mitzi Grasso

Apparently, if you are a Mexican citizen, you can kill a cop in California and Mexican authorities will ensure you will not face justice in the United States. That is the only lesson that can be drawn from the recent capture of cop-killer David A. Garcia, who murdered Burbank Police Officer Matthew Pavelka on November 15th.

The above statement may on its face seem harsh – but that is the unfortunate reality that exists today. For David A. Garcia is not the only cop killer who fled to Mexico to avoid justice – so did another cop killer named Armando Garcia. That murderer (*no relation to David A. Garcia*) gunned down Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff David March during a traffic stop in 2002. He then fled to Mexico, where he is currently a fugitive. However, Mexican authorities have made it clear that, as a Mexican citizen, if caught, Armando Garcia will not be returned unless California agrees to 1) not seek the death penalty; and 2) not seek a term of life imprisonment, both of which the Mexican government believes are cruel and unusual punishments.

Mexico has repeatedly refused to return suspects to the U.S. for prosecution, in instances where the individuals concerned may face either the death penalty or life imprisonment. While the opposition to the death penalty is well-entrenched, in 2002 the Mexican Supreme Court declared that extraditions could not occur to countries if a life sentence was possible. This shocking ruling placed Mexico in the position of demanding that all other countries in the world – especially the United States – either change their penal laws to conform to what Mexico deemed appropriate, or have killers and other felons from those countries roam free in Mexico, safe from extradition.

There are presently more than 60 alleged killers from Los Angeles County alone that officials believe have fled to Mexico to escape punishment; as of last year, the Justice Department had about 800 open extradition cases for fugitives in Mexico. All of these wanted felons now are enjoying the protection of Mexico, even when they are U.S. citizens! It is not enough for Mexico to shield these killers. Mexico has now actively sought to intervene on behalf of 51 convicted killers imprisoned in the United States who are facing the possibility of execution after trial. Mexico went to the World Court and obtained a decision ordering the United States to stay the executions of three Mexican citizens on death row. Texas has said it would ignore the order.

The U.S. government correctly views this ruling as an unwarranted intrusion on the criminal justice system in the United States, and an infringement on U.S. sovereignty. In the case of the death penalty, for instance, the people of California, through their elected representatives, decided it is a legitimate penalty. If these criminals want to commit their crimes in our jurisdiction, then they have to face the penalty we deem appropriate. Similarly, the demand by Mexico that the United States effectively abolish prison terms that carry a life sentence should be rejected.

It is ironic that at the same time this column is written, the Federal Government is asking the United States Supreme Court to declare that it can kidnap citizens from another country to face justice in the United States. In this case, federal agents arranged the kidnapping of a Mexican doctor who allegedly helped in the murder of DEA agent Enrique Camarena. The doctor sued the DEA and won \$25,000 on the basis that the DEA had no right to kidnap and bring the doctor back to the United States from Mexico. The United States Government has aggressively fought the lawsuit and subsequent award. One can only contrast these efforts with the passivity now displayed in light of Mexico's declared policy to harbor criminal fugitives from the United States.

The LAPPL, along with other law enforcement organizations such as the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs and the National Association of Attorneys General, and Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley, have pleaded with the federal government and U.S. legislators to negotiate with Mexico to stop this outrageous flouting of our justice system. Our pleas have fallen on deaf ears in Mexico and Washington.

Action must be taken now. It is unconscionable when a crime is committed against an American peace officer that government policy allows the criminal to escape facing the bar of justice. The U.S. government cannot sit by silently and continue to allow alleged murderers and others to flee our criminal justice system with impunity. We must shut down this criminal black hole and force these cold-blooded criminals to face the music.

Imagine the furor here if the alleged Washington snipers Lee Boyd Malvo and John Allen Muhammad, had fled to Mexico after being identified. Mexico could have refused to return them until Maryland, Virginia and Alabama changed their laws. Does anyone believe the attorney general or the secretary of state would have taken a pass on that problem? Apparently, only when a federal agent is killed will the Federal Government proactively seek the retrieval of suspected killers hiding in Mexico.

It is remarkable that David A. Garcia was returned to face justice—remarkable because for so many families of murder victims in Los Angeles, such justice has been denied by Mexico with the acquiescence of the United States Federal Government. Apparently, David Garcia's mistake was being a U.S. citizen, for had he been a Mexican citizen like Armando Garcia, he would still be living free in Mexico.

While the family of Burbank Police Officer Matthew Pavelka will be able to see the murderer of their son brought to justice, the family of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy David March and the families of countless other murder victims must continue to suffer.

### Another Parks Double Standard

Now, normally the salary of Councilmembers is an issue that the LAPPL does not get involved with. Yet, even we

had to raise our eyebrows when a certain City Councilman who publicly has expressed his concern about city finances dipped into the City treasury for a recent pay raise, while his fellow Councilmembers rejected raises. Councilman Bernard Parks just accepted a \$4,000 city council raise, apparently unable to support himself on the combination of his \$229,776 annual LAPD pension and previous City Council salary of \$139,838—that comes out to **\$369,614**.

What caused us to take note was **NOT** that he got a raise—it is that Parks is the **ONLY** Councilmember demanding that, because of budgetary reasons, the current LAPD rank and file's contract be reopened and the Command Officers Association contract not be settled. Far be it for us to suggest that Councilman Parks had other motives in those actions—but one can only conclude that "fiscal prudence" was not the reason. Surely it couldn't be because Mr. Parks is bitter over no longer being LAPD chief? I'll leave that for you to decide.

### League Fights Ban On Tattoos

Tattoos are expressions of thought and are protected by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution. It is for this reason that the League has sent a letter demanding that the Department rescind Special Order 48 and go back to the bargaining table to modify the language contained in this order, which cur-

rently requires officers to cover visible tattoos by wearing a skin patch.

Sadly, instead of implementing policies and procedures that improve public safety, the Department has decided to spend precious time and resources ensuring that officers' tattoos are not visible to the public. Tattoos are an ancient art form, which has been practiced in virtually every culture for thousands of years and, for many officers, they demonstrate a commitment to other people, religious beliefs and to political and personal beliefs.

Unlike other personal appearance standards, which are based on officer safety and professional appearance, this new rule is not rooted in any legitimate concern. Unfortunately, the LAPD, which prides itself on upholding the Constitution, is now poised to violate "speech-conduct," which is protected by our founding fathers.

It is an individual's choice about getting a tattoo, just like other life choices. Whether an officer has many tattoos, a single small tattoo or none at all, what matters is how he or she performs on the job and what kind of service is provided to the residents of our city. Let's not get caught up in policy that further burdens our officers with rules that don't directly govern their jobs—the League will work to protect your personal freedoms and ensure that policy is focused on your job, not your body ink. ♦

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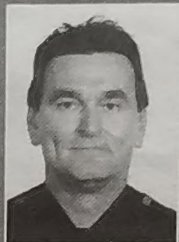
Corina Lee

Happy New Year to you and your family. I would like to take a moment and thank each and every one of you who took the time from your busy schedule to put up flyers, talk to others and who voted for me. I could not have done this alone. Teamwork is what it is all about and I will not let you down. As I stated in my campaign, my door will always be open to you and I can always be reached by phone. I will return your calls in a timely manner. Don't hesitate to call no matter what the issue or situation may be. I look forward to addressing the challenges that lie ahead of us.

I have been assigned to chair the following committees: Audit, Bylaws, Scholarship and Elections.

I hope the New Year brings peace, happiness and joy to you and your loved ones. Unfortunately, there are members who are struggling during this time. If you are aware of a member who needs assistance, please call me with their name and a brief description of the situation. I want to make sure that he/she is not forgotten during this or any other time.

Once again, thank you for your support and Happy New Year.



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Luther Lutz

By the time you read this article, the year will be over and so will the holiday season. I hope everyone had a good year and a wonderful holiday season. This year has been interesting and some of the events that occurred this year, such as the election of a new governor, the budget crisis and various legislation that was either passed or repealed, could have an impact on our future working conditions and financial future.

As everyone knows, the change of governors is going to result in a lot of changes at the state level regarding the state's budget and how the state is going to allocate money to city and county governments. Regardless of how you felt about the vehicle license fee, its elimination will have an impact on the amount of money that is available for law enforcement. The state can ensure that law enforcement still receives the money that was lost when the vehicle license fee was eliminated, but it has to come from somewhere. It will be interesting to watch what programs will be cut by the politicians to make up for the revenue that was lost when the increase in vehicle license fees was eliminated.

This month I testified at a court proceeding and it reminded me how perverse our criminal justice system can be at times. The questions that the attorneys asked were not designed to determine the truth. The questions were crafted to put a spin on what was going

to be said or to get a response they wanted to hear. It was all about getting the answers they wanted to hear and about winning the case, not determining the truth. Unfortunately, at times this is the same approach that is sometimes used at trial boards. Trial Boards are supposed to be an administrative hearing to get to the truth of the matter being heard, but at times it becomes as perverse as a court trial and truth gets lost in the shuffle.

With that in mind I want to share an article with you I read recently regarding a police memorial. The article stated that although Pasadena, Texas, does not have a police memorial, the City Council is being forced to rebuild a private memorial to Marvin William Harris, a mentally ill man who killed Pasadena Police Officer Jeffery Ginn. After killing the officer, Harris committed suicide.

The "problem" began when the City removed a memorial brick and bench inscribed with Harris' name from the Verne Cox Multipurpose Center because of his crime. Harris' sister filed a federal First Amendment suit against the City in 1999. In May 2002, a federal court ordered Pasadena to pay attorney fees, court costs, and to replace the brick, bench, and plaque in Cox

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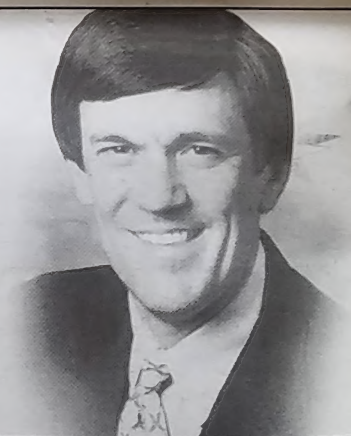
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## GAINING AN UNDERSTANDING OF SUICIDE BY COP

Peter Repovich

A police officer is no different than a rope, a knife or a bottle of pills to someone contemplating suicide.

For many who want to end their lives, provoking a police officer to the point he or she shoots or otherwise defends him or herself against the person is a much more "acceptable" way for them to take their lives than doing it themselves. Perhaps with the mindset that family members or others might be able to deem the incident a murder or self-defense on the part of the officer, people with suicide tendencies are utilizing suicide by cop as a recognized form of killing themselves. In many cases, they understand that the outcome of their actions - whether shooting at an officer, evading arrest or otherwise threatening the police - could result in a shooting and their deaths. But for the police officers involved in these incidents, it is still an officer-involved shooting that they never wanted to have occur.

The evidence gathered by researchers indicates that suicide by cop appears to be on the rise. According to Rebecca Stincelli, author of the booklet *Suicide by Cop*, about 10 to 12 percent of police-involved deaths are suicides by cop. According to Dr. Barry Peron, a forensic psychologist and former commander of the LA County Sheriff's Hostage Negotiations Unit - who has more than 30 years of experience in generalized officer-involved shootings - reasons for the

choice vary but are little different than those who commit suicide using more conventional methods, such as problems at work, family discord and injured egos. "The justification for suicide is usually the logic that life is not fair," Perrou said. "These things are not typically done out of acts of love."

They're typically not a cry for attention, either, unless the culprit is trying to bring attention to a specific issue, like the failure of a certain social service, Perrou said. Whatever motivates the culprit, suicides by cop all have one thing in common: they most always haunt the officers who fired the fatal shots. "The public is stuck in this Hollywood idea that cops just love shoot-'em-ups," Stincelli said. "It's so incorrect. I can tell you they're really devastated."

Recent studies also legitimize the threat of suicide by cop against law enforcement. A study by Deirdre Anglin, associate professor of emergency medicine at the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine, H. Range Hutson, of Harvard, and Sgt. John Yarbrough of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, examined 437 officer-involved shootings investigated by LASD over the 11-year period 1987-97. The researchers found a trend of similarities between those involved in these types of incidents. They found that the vast majority (98 percent) were male and 39 percent had a history of

domestic violence. Past history of suicide attempts, as well as a high incidence of alcohol and drug dependency also tended to be characteristic. Approximately 50 percent of the weapons used to threaten officers were firearms, with the overwhelming majority being operative and loaded. Only 17 percent of suicidal individuals used replica firearms to provoke officers.

According to Dr. Perrou, the trauma is worse for the officers after suicides by cop than after killing a criminal whose primary intention was to hurt police and the public, not just himself. They realize the one who died did not really want to kill them, he said. As a result, the officers often show signs of post-traumatic stress disorder, like sleeplessness, night sweats and avoiding the area where the shooting occurred, he said.

Proper training is one way in which officers can learn to deal with these sorts of incidents - both if they find themselves involved in a situation that could result in suicide by cop or if that is the eventual outcome of a situation. Those intent on killing themselves must be dealt with in a different manner than others who are simply combative - they may not have the fear of others, and may not be as intimidated by police tactics used to subdue or control suspects. As noted, their weapons can be fake or unloaded, but you will never know that until it's too late - your first instinct is to protect, and you cannot guess at what is real and what is not.

Many people in this situation find that this is the only method they can use to kill themselves, whether out of sheer convenience (as opposed to purchasing a gun, getting a prescription to pills or figuring out another way to take their lives) or because they cannot bring themselves to pull the trigger or otherwise harm themselves - researchers have found that this method of suicide has nothing

to do with feelings about the police or authority. It just simply takes the burden off of the individual committing suicide. As clinical social worker Hal Brown wrote in a piece on this issue, "In fact, they may like the police and view them as providing one final service for them."

While officers can typically detect a suicidal person when they respond to a call, the first instinct is, naturally, to protect yourself, and this is why the suicide by cop method can succeed. When you are faced with a gun, knife or speeding car coming toward you, you will begin to try to deal with the suspect in a reasonable manner, but above all you will be inclined to protect yourself and others around you. As Brown says, "If you have to shoot, so be it. ... If you have to be the 'cop' in 'suicide by...' it isn't your fault. Most victims will leave you little if any choice."

As we know in Los Angeles, to make matters worse, the media and officers' own departments usually scrutinize the officers after the death. This can further contribute to the officers' feelings that he or she was at fault for the death - when, in reality, the officer was just a tool in the person's plan to commit suicide. A support network helps, said Stincelli, and she offers one through her Web site, [www.suicidebycop.com](http://www.suicidebycop.com). The groups will maintain the officers' confidentiality, she said.

Any officers involved in these types of situations should be encouraged to seek out help. No one should attempt to deal in the aftermath of these situations alone, and help is available. The Managed Health Network (MHN) program is available to assist officers when needed, and can be reached at 877-646-5275.

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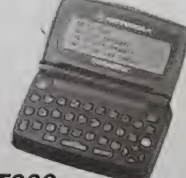
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# LET'S ROLL

Paul M. Weber

## District Policing

The Department has started testing the district policing concept in Hollywood, Rampart, and Harbor Divisions. This program was quickly implemented with the hope it will provide the formula we need to fight crime in the years ahead. Assistant Chief Gascon and his staff have put a lot of effort into this program. We will closely monitor its progress and the effect it has on you.

The problem with this and any other program is the lack of resources. We simply do not have the resources, people or material, to police this city. The local terrorists will continue to rob, maim and kill men, women and children. Although 9-11 was a dastardly, cowardly act that rightfully demanded our attention and response, the fact remains that more people are hurt or killed every year by our homegrown terrorists.

The federal government is pouring over 80 billion dollars into rebuilding and making the nation of Iraq safe. I wish the Iraq people well and know our armed forces will succeed in this endeavor. However, when will they make the same effort here at home? They are cutting funding for more police officers and we have to beg for dollars.

The "city leaders" seem to care more about the NRA having membership

papers in guns sold at the Academy then saving this city. When do we start getting serious about the process of regaining our streets and protecting our citizens?

The Chief says we need 12,000 officers to police this city. I disagree! We need more like 15,000 officers to protect and serve our citizens. When I joined the Department 20 years ago I was told we would soon be expanding to 10,000 officers to handle the rising crime. Like many before me, and those that followed, I learned city leaders don't seem to have the will to get us where we need to be.

The city needs to create a budget that **FULLY** funds public safety (Police and Fire) to the level to get the job done. Then they can budget for the parks (that will be crime free), libraries (that will be safe for kids to walk to), and other programs. Let's get serious before more people are hurt or killed in our under policed city!

## Political Correctness or How to Irritate People

This past week (around Thanksgiving) the mayor made public statements about the record number of female recruits in a recent academy class. He did not stop at simply praising this milestone in our efforts to recruit and retain qualified female officers. Instead his comments included the opinion that the

Department's uses of force will go down because females are smaller in stature and thus have to use their brains to control volatile situations.

All our officers are professionals who are trained to use force appropriately in any given situation. I and other officers of both genders have defused situations and talked many a hardened criminal into jail. The proof is in long-term experience, we have historically used force in less than 1% of all our contacts. Any company would love to have a success rate of over 99% in a critical function. These critics have never walked in harm's way and should think before they talk!

## Officer Safety

We continue to see an increase in violence toward police officers with almost daily attempts to shoot officers on patrol. Only great tactics, courageous officers and God protecting them have saved their lives.

Never let your guard down, remember your training and look out for each other.

## Brian Brown Remembrance

Sergeant Peter Casey, 77th Division, planned and carried out a candlelight vigil to honor Police Officer III Brian Brown, Serial No. 32054, Pacific Division, who was killed 5 years ago in a shootout. On November 29, 2003, a cold Saturday night, I was honored to gather with other officers to remember Officer Brown's life and honor his memory. It was great to see so many people, including many with less than 5 years on, gather together to honor an LAPD hero.

Officer Brown, a decorated United States Marine Corps veteran, went into harm's way to protect the public and his fellow officers. One officer who was there that fateful night spoke reverently

of his selfless courage and their efforts to save him.

Officer Brown, a single father, was dedicated to and deeply loved his son, Dylan. Although mortally wounded, Officer Brown last thoughts were of his son. He responded to an officer who called out his son's name while they valiantly attempted to save his life.

Like his father, Dylan was an example to all of us in his courage and dignity in the face of this horrific event. We still take pride in him and consider him a member of the LAPD Family!

We will never forget our fallen heroes or their families!

## In Memoriam

On November 15, 2003, Burbank Police Officer Matthew Pavelka was murdered by a gang member while aiding another Burbank officer, Greg Campbell. LAPD Detective Michael Pavelka, Matthew's father, is a 30-year veteran of our Department. Our thoughts and prayers are with Matthew's family and friends.

Please go to page 3 to see our tribute to Matthew.

The Burbank Police Officers Association has established a memorial fund and a trust fund. The memorial fund is in memory of Officer Matthew Pavelka. The trust fund is in the name of injured Officer Greg Campbell to assist the Campbell family during this trying time.

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## A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law

### Right to Financial Privacy

On June 15, 2001, the United States District Court approved a Consent Decree entered into between the City and the United States Department of Justice ("DOJ"). Since that time, League representatives have collectively bargained with City representatives over many of the provisions of the Consent Decree because of the effects of such provisions on the wages, hours and other working conditions of LAPD sworn officers. As of this writing, the only remaining meet and confer issues pertain to certain aspects of TEAMS II implementation and a financial disclosure program for officers "[w]ho routinely handle valuable contraband or cash". (Consent Decree \_132). We anticipate that the financial disclosure program will be the most difficult for the League and the City to come to a collectively bargained agreement.

During the past few months, City representatives have continued a secret process of developing information to support their anticipated proposals for a financial disclosure program. These City representatives have discussed their secret proposals with the Police Com-

mission during the months of September and October of last year. According to their report to the District Court, the Police Commission expressed agreement with the path being pursued by the Police Department for a financial disclosure program. Throughout these discussions however, the League has been ignored and kept in the dark. This article is meant to convey an open message back to the City and Police Department representatives regarding financial privacy of LAPD officers.

Your discussions and debates over a financial disclosure program for our sworn police officers so far has produced much heat, but little light with us at the League. Before taking any action in the issuance of serious bargaining instructions, the Police Commission and members of the City's Executive Employee Relations Committee ("EERC") should consider the issues much more carefully than what you have done in the past.

Basic questions have not been answered. Everyone agrees that officers' rights to financial privacy are important, but there is no clear understanding of what that right of privacy is. No City representative has focused on the threats to

officer's privacy that are genuine.

We anticipate that City's representatives will soon ratchet up their demands for financial information about a large group of officers. Because, in our view, governments are the most voracious consumers (and often abusers) of personal information, it will be very important for League representatives to ensure meaningful protection for the right to financial privacy for all LAPD officers in the upcoming negotiations.

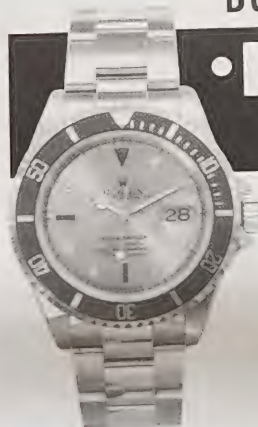
To all LAPD officers, we make the following statement. It is the intent of League representatives to provide all LAPD officers with broad protection from the anticipated financial disclosure program. We will ensure that the City will have to account for and justify financial disclosure requirements. We will also require the City to totally and completely reveal the purposes for which they wish to collect financial information from specified officers.

Unfortunately, when dealing with governments (City and DOJ), officers do not have too many alternatives than they do when dealing with businesses or others in the private sector, such as the right to "shop around." Officers may not choose to deal with a different government the way they can choose among businesses. They also do not have a common law right to sue a government that invades their privacy. For these reasons, it will be incumbent on League representatives to be strong and clear during negotiations on a financial disclosure program that strengthens and clarifies the terms of the Consent Decree so that all LAPD officers and the public can be confident that officers' rights to financial privacy will not be abused by federal agencies or City bureaucrats.

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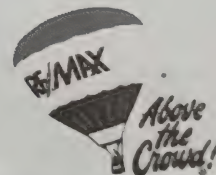
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by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

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### The Long Journey of Officer Shooter

#### Part 2-From the Criminal Inter- view to the Scene

[Review of Part 1. Officer Shooter has been sitting in the captain's office for several hours after his officer-involved-shooting in the company of Sergeant Babysitter. He has had conversations with the League director and the League representative. RHD is now outside the door]

#### The RHD Interview

Sergeant Babysitter admitted the two Robbery Homicide detectives into the room. I must have looked nervous because the older detective told me to relax as he opened a tablet and adjusted items on the captain's desk to give himself more room. He then sat down in the captain's chair. The younger detective leaned against the wall and watched me and his partner. "We are conducting the criminal investigation," the older detective said. "We don't care about whether your tactics were good, bad, or indifferent. Other people will talk to you about that. All we are interested in is the crimes."

My League representative had told me about this interview. He told me that case law and the LAPD manual required

me to cooperate with any interview concerning a criminal investigation. He told me that it was my duty as an officer to do so and that if I did not cooperate with the criminal investigation, the Department could bring charges against me and possibly fire me. I didn't have any problem with that. It makes sense that a police officer has to cooperate with a criminal investigation, or be fired. An officer who does not disclose information on a criminal case should be fired. I was ready to do my duty.

The older detective asked me the same questions that I would ask if I was taking a crime report. It seemed familiar to me and so I actually did start to relax. I do not know if I was much help in establishing that a crime had been committed. I could not remember the specific reason for the stop, a traffic violation of some sort I thought. I did not know why the suspect drove off. I was sure that the suspect I was chasing was the same as the suspect that had fled. I did not mention that I was having trouble remembering the exact details surrounding the shooting, but I told the detective that I shot because I believed the suspect had pulled a weapon from his waistband and was about to shoot me, which was the truth. He asked me to describe the weapon. I could not. My nervousness

quickly returned.

The detectives thanked me and left the room. I was back with Sergeant Babysitter. The night dragged on.

### Perspective of a Robbery Homicide Team

How could a detective in Los Angeles have a more appropriate name than "Marlow?" Raymond Chandler's 1947 detective Phillip Marlow, made famous by Humphrey Bogart in "The Big Sleep," had it easy compared to Detective Otis Marlow of Robbery Homicide Division and his partner, Detective Wallace Tennelle. No one could ever title one of their cases "The Big Sleep" because sleep is something they are not accustomed to. In addition to a homicide case load, the detectives are called in to investigate the criminal aspects of officer-involved-shootings and other critical incident cases assigned to CIID.

Detective Marlow has thirty-five years on the job and Detective Tennelle has twenty-three. You don't get into Robbery Homicide Division without some time in the trenches. Even then, most detectives won't make it into the elite division.

One of the perks of Robbery Homicide is the take home car. The downside of the perk is the requirement that you make it to a crime scene in less than an hour from notification, night or day, rain or shine. Like the League director, Marlow and Tennelle's involvement in an officer-involved-shooting will begin with a phone call. Usually, in the dead of night.

They respond to the crime scene where their initial briefing is from their lieutenant. The lieutenant will make the initial assignments. Generally, two

teams of RHD detectives are brought in. Depending on the circumstances, they head in separate directions. If the suspect is in custody, a team will respond to his location. Other detectives are assigned to canvass the neighborhood for witnesses. Others may examine the crime scene. Others will interview the involved officers. They are, after all detectives, and it is their job to look for evidence of criminal activity.

Paradoxically, if it appears that the officer may be guilty of a crime, the RHD teams turn their evidence over to Internal Affairs, who, with the chief's approval, will take over the investigation. But that seldom happens. What usually happens is that Marlow and Tennelle will complete the investigation and obtain a criminal filing against the suspect.

When an officer-involved-shooting results in a hit, the District Attorney sends a roll out team, as well. The RHD team and the DA team will then pair off which each other. An RHD detective and a Deputy District Attorney will interview civilian witnesses and will attempt to interview the suspect. When the District Attorney's people are convinced that there is no criminal culpability on the part of the officers, they will withdraw and the RHD team will finish the criminal investigation involving the suspect.

The RHD detectives will eventually write the arrest report, the crime report, and, if applicable, sign the booking approval for the suspect. They gather the evidence together, including the findings of SID and Firearms, and present the case to the District Attorney for filing against the suspect. If the suspect has caused an injury to the officer, a special District Attorney prosecutor's

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## A Message From Chief Bratton

by Chief William Bratton

As we begin a new year, you, the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department, have cause to celebrate. Largely because of your efforts over the past year, we have been able to significantly reduce crime in the City of Los Angeles. We have met and exceeded our goals of reducing homicides by 20 percent and overall violent crime by five percent. Once again, the members of this Department have proven that, even with limited resources, we get the job done.

But the job is far from over. We are not where we want to be, or where we need to be. One reality we must face is that of the current budget situation. Despite the fact that I fought for more resources, we will not be adding any more sworn or civilians to the ranks in the next fiscal year. In fact, it could be several years before we are able to substantially increase our police force. Even so, I don't want to lose our current crime reduction momen-

tum. So I have decided to reassign some of my top managers to new positions with added responsibilities. This functional realignment will allow our top brass more time to focus and build on the crime reductions that we have all worked so hard to achieve.

In my desire to broaden my Chief Officers' comprehensive experiences in the Department, I have made Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell my second in command as First Assistant Chief. He will now be responsible for all Department personnel-related matters, including training and risk management activities as Chief of the Office of Human Resources. In this position, Chief McDonnell will utilize his exceptional personnel skills while facing new challenges as he implements the critical new training curriculum mandated by the Consent Decree. Additionally, as one familiar with the political and social nuances of this City, Chief McDonnell will assist me in seeking additional public and financial support for more personnel and resources in

the future in order to support your efforts on the streets.

Moving from his current position of Chief of Support Services, Assistant Chief George Gascón will head up the Office of Operations. Chief Gascón's new responsibility will be to reorganize and refocus the resources we do have so that we can continue to make the streets even safer and respond more quickly to 9-1-1 calls.

As Chief of the Office of Support Services, Assistant Chief Sharon Papa will continue to manage the Department's budget and facilities. Included in her responsibilities will be overseeing the design and construction of the new downtown police headquarters. Chief Papa will also be tasked with the important responsibility of improving the Department's technology and communications systems. I see Chief Papa's role as critical to the success of the Department as we do more with less. As I refocus my efforts and try to obtain more funding for technology, Chief Papa will be responsible for implementing the latest advances that will help us to get out from under mountains of paperwork. That will free up officers and supervisors so they can spend more time in the field expanding on our crime prevention efforts.

Under this functional realignment, Deputy Chief Mike Berkow of the Professional Standards

Bureau will take on added responsibilities as my Chief of Staff. Also added to his command are the Public Information Office, Community Relations Section, Governmental Liaison Section, and the Critical Incident Investigation Division that investigates all Use of Force incidents.

This was done to free up more of my time. Chief McDonnell and I will be reaching out to political and community leaders and the people of this City. We will tell them the story of your success and we will focus our efforts on convincing them of the need to support a permanent source of funding for public safety.

The Department's Counter Terrorism Bureau, headed by Police Administrator John Miller, will undergo a name change. The Critical Incident Management Bureau is reflective of increased responsibilities that include surveillance functions, as well as bomb and hazardous materials threats. The Special Investigation Section will be transferred from the Detective Bureau and assimilated into the Critical Investigation Section of the Critical Incident Management Bureau.

Moving on to another subject, I want to thank all of the officers that took the time to complete the Officer Assessment Survey. We had

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Subject: Reserves called up for Iraq  
Dear Editor,

Please advise your readership that the Sears Co. is involved in a very patriotic gesture towards those Americans who serve in the military Reserves. As you know, the law requires that employers hold the jobs for those who are called up to active duty, but nothing more. Usually, men and women in that situation take a big pay cut and lose benefits. Sears is voluntarily paying the difference in salaries and maintaining all benefits, including medical insurance and bonus programs up to two years for all of their reservist employees who are called up. Undoubtedly, Sears is an exemplary corporate citizen and should be recognized for the contributions. One way of doing this is to patronize Sears, and while shopping there contact a manager to tell them why we are there so the company gets the positive reinforcement it well deserves. Mr. Bill Thorn, Sears Customer Care, has verified this Sears policy and can be contacted at 1-800-349-4358 or by e-mail at [webcare@sears.com](mailto:webcare@sears.com). It is my understanding that the L.A. City Council enacted a similar policy and they should be commended as well.

Thank you,  
Lenny Munoz  
LAPD Ret.

Dear Sir,

I was very glad to see Mtr. Off. Geo. Underhill, #3181, in the *Blue Line*. The old Hot Mtr. Brings back fond memories. I also went on Mtrs. Sept. of 1941. We took riding lessons at the old Nat. Guard airport in Griffith Park, then went right out in the field. I believe Pat Slavens was the skipper then, and Lew Fuller was second in command. We all worked out of 2nd and Figueroa traffic building. Those were good days. Blackie Blackwell, #2420

LAPD Ret. 1961, BD. 8/13/12

Subject: Thanks to the LAPD Family

This letter is a personal thank you to all the wonderful men and women of the LAPD who again showed what a true family we are. I lost my home on October 25th in the fires in San Bernardino, having very little notice to evacuate and only able to get out with two changes of clothes and the cats. Everything I had accumulated from a 20-year military career and 10 years with the LAPD were

suddenly in ashes. It was devastating initially, and I was left with the immediate sense of what do I do now?

I called the North Hollywood W/C Lt. Crump upon being ordered to evacuate and apprised her of the situation. A few hours later, I returned to find my home completely gone. I called Lt. Andy Neiman and explained my situation. He immediately made several phone calls on my behalf, and I received immediate calls from several people offering their assistance. The outpouring of support since then has overwhelmed me, and there isn't enough space here to personally thank everyone, but I could not be prouder to be a member of this department. I would like to send out thanks to Capt. Bill Sweet and Capt. Ron Marbre for their immediate and continuing support; to Lt. Andy Neiman for organizing a remarkable support fund that really assisted me in getting back on my feet and the ensuing barbecue to assist me as well; to all my coworkers at North Hollywood station who are the best. Their overwhelming offers of places to stay, furniture and financial support left me in awe. Special thanks to Lt. Kathleen Sheehan, Sgt. Walt Teague, Officer John Smith, Officer Mike Lopez, Officer Rich Duran, Officer Juan Galvan, Sgt. Mike Kammert. I know I am leaving some people out, and I apologize. Everyone at North Hollywood has been phenomenal.

To the officers and personnel from the other divisions that assisted me, I will always be grateful. Hollywood Division, Valley Traffic Division, Valley Communications, Van Nuys, Devonshire, and Foothill Divisions, thanks to all of you. Special thanks to the Pacific Division Beach Detail and Officer Zalokar and Officer Rex for the items you gave me. The music was a big boost. Thanks! To Officer Larios from Foothill Division for the clothing you provided, which was greatly appreciated.

Work is progressing slowly towards rebuilding my home and thanks to Sgt. Ray Valois for his assistance in that regard. Some of my memorabilia may be gone, but things could have been worse, and you realize quickly how precious life is. To work with such wonderful people and have them come to your aid when you need them is a blessing. God bless each and every one of you. The LAPD is the best!

Doug Bowler, #30576  
North Hollywood

To all active and retired officers:

On Sunday, December 7, we said goodbye to another officer who more than likely died as a result of the injuries he received during his almost 30 years of service with LAPD. You won't see Bill Felix's name in the headlines of the *Times*, or on the 5:00 news telling how he died at the hands of another. Of the approximately 200 friends and family that turned out to celebrate his shortened life, Bill was 59, nowhere to be found was a Color Guard, bagpipes, high profile politicians, or department management. Just those that wanted to say goodbye and thank you for a job well done.

For over 20 years Bill had been a member of LAPD's Clandestine Lab Squad. He was involved in over a thousand lab investigations, many of these long before any protective gear was used. Although Bill's cancer took him in less than six months, it more than likely had been lying dormant in his body for years and developed as a result of his many exposures to the chemicals that are used to make the drugs.

Left behind is Bill's wife to fight an uphill battle with the city of IOD status. Although cancer became presumed IOD in 1999 and puts the burden on the employer to prove that the cancer was not work related, the city will and has fought every one of these claims. These battles most often leave the widows and

orphaned children to suffer unnecessary stress. Most often these battles start while the petitioner fights for his/her life and is denied medical treatment that may save them or extend their life.

If you are currently working, make sure that you document all exposures to any chemicals, especially those that are known carcinogens. The chemicals in PCP, etc., can be harmful and can cause cancer. Remember that all the illegal drugs you come in contact with have been processed with some type of chemical.

While we know the short term hazards of our job, no one knows the long term effects of these chemical and drug exposures, except that it can't be good. Of the six original Clandestine Lab Squad members that started in 1977, all six have had health issues. I believe all of these to be related back to their chemical exposures. Of the six, three have been diagnosed with cancer. Since I don't believe in coincidence, this is proof enough for me.

If you are retired and diagnosed with cancer, remember that you have five years from the date of retirement to file an IOD claim.

If you need additional information about this, please contact me at RBW-Fish@adelphia.net or 1007 Montana Ave., #330, Santa Monica, CA 90402. Roy Wunderlich, #16473  
LAPD Retired

## END OF WATCH



NAME: Walter J. Suckiel #5158  
RANK: Sergeant I  
ASSIGNED TO: R & I  
BORN: March 21, 1924  
APPOINTED: November 24, 1947  
RETIRED: June 30, 1978  
DIED: January 5, 2003

NAME: Walter F. Zell #2894  
RANK: Sergeant  
ASSIGNED TO: Northeast  
BORN: July 1, 1909  
APPOINTED: May 25, 1942  
RETIRED: August 13, 1968  
DIED: May 28, 2003

NAME: Philip L. Dunham #5097  
RANK: Investigator II  
ASSIGNED TO: SID  
BORN: July 30, 1920  
APPOINTED: November 24, 1947  
RETIRED: September 2, 1973  
DIED: July 23, 2003

NAME: Leo C. Allomong #4556  
RANK: Investigator III  
ASSIGNED TO: University  
BORN: November 17, 1925  
APPOINTED: June 16, 1947  
RETIRED: February 3, 1974  
DIED: September 14, 2003

NAME: Delvin L. Carroll #6021  
RANK: Sergeant I  
ASSIGNED TO: Van Nuys  
BORN: July 7, 1921  
APPOINTED: February 1, 1949  
RETIRED: April 13, 1975  
DIED: October 24, 2003

NAME: Dominick Razzano #4634  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: Central Jail  
BORN: January 1, 1921  
APPOINTED: June 16, 1947  
RETIRED: March 3, 1959  
DIED: December 3, 2003

NAME: Israel Sanchez #34298  
RANK: Police Officer II  
ASSIGNED TO: Devonshire  
BORN: September 23, 1962  
APPOINTED: September 2, 1997  
ACTIVE:  
DIED: November 6, 2003

NAME: Timothy M. Falco #24326  
RANK: Police Officer III  
ASSIGNED TO: Foothill  
BORN: March 9, 1959  
APPOINTED: November 14, 1983  
ACTIVE:  
DIED: November 11, 2003

NAME: William E. Hawkey, Jr. #6349  
RANK: Investigator III  
ASSIGNED TO: FSS  
BORN: March 11, 1923  
APPOINTED: June 16, 1949  
RETIRED: March 13, 1977  
DIED: November 16, 2003

NAME: William C. Feliz #13090  
RANK: Detective I  
ASSIGNED TO: Narcotics  
BORN: March 20, 1944  
APPOINTED: January 30, 1967  
RETIRED: December 31, 1989  
DIED: November 25, 2003

NAME: Wendell B. Johnson #2700  
RANK: Policeman  
ASSIGNED TO: Valley  
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RETIRED: April 24, 1961  
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# Thin Blue Line: Editor's Guidelines 2004

by Paul Weber, Editor

As we begin the New Year, I would like to cover several issues related to the "Thin Blue Line." These topics come up over and over. The hope is that this information will clear up misconceptions and concerns of our readers.

The articles of each Director are their sole opinion and **not** the opinion of the entire Board. Each Director is elected by the membership and is given great leeway to express their thoughts and opinions to our members.

The Letters to the Editor are the writer's opinion and **not** the opinion of the Los Angeles Police Protective League. If you wish to write on a topic

of concern to our members please submit them to us by the 1st day of the month prior to the date of publication (example: December 1, 2003 was the due date for the January 2004 issue).

If you send material that, on its face, appears to be created for publication to a Director or the Thin Blue Line it is subject to publication unless you expressly state you do not wish it published. If you wish it published, yet wish to remain anonymous, please include your name and a request to withhold your identification.

The divisional reporters to our paper are limited to 750 words or approximately 1/2 page and three (3) photos. The divisional report should be limited to what is

happening in that particular division. The due dates are the same as Letters to the Editor. These articles are the writer's opinion and **not** the opinion of the Los Angeles Police Protective League.

The safety of our members and their families is of paramount concern to us. Please don't submit material such as photos of officers working undercover or covert assignments. If you want to submit personal photos or materials about another member, ensure you have their permission (example: birth announcements).

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unit called CAPOS (Crimes Against Peace Officers) prosecutes the suspect. These are specially trained deputy district attorneys who follow the case from filing to conviction. If there is no injury to the officer, the case is presented through the normal filing review process.

If a criminal case against the suspect is filed, it will be the RHD detectives who appear with the deputy district attorney at hearings, conduct follow up interviews, arrange for witness transportation, assist in discovery, and do a thousand other things familiar to detectives who are involved in criminal trials. And then, they still have to handle their normal homicide caseload.

Detectives Marlow and Tennelle have some guidance for officers involved in an OIS.

"Take this process very seriously," advises Detective Marlow. "It is extremely important to articulate accurately what happened."

"It is OK to take a breather and carefully think out answers to our questions," adds Detective Tennelle. "Accuracy is important. We are interested in obtaining an overview of the criminal part of the investigation. Detailed questions about tactics will come later. All of these reports and interviews, however, will come together at the criminal trial. A thoughtless choice of words in any of the interviews would be unfortunate. Think before you speak."

#### Officer Shooter is Summoned to the Scene

Another half-hour goes by. I have read every wall plaque and framed certificate in the captain's office five times. I probably know more about his career at the moment than he does. The phone rang and I jumped two feet off the ground. Sergeant Babysitter

smiled understandingly and picked up the phone. He listened for a second, then hung up.

"They're ready for you," he said. "Let's go."

But am I ready for them, I thought. Sergeant Babysitter led me out of the captain's office and down the hallway. At the other end of the hallway, I could see my partner. He was standing next to his sergeant babysitter. He looked just as nervous as I felt.

Sergeant Babysitter and I walked into the parking lot and located his black and white. We got in. There was nothing but the sound of radio chatter as we drove back to the scene. I could see the dark shadow of my partner's head and shoulders in the police vehicle traveling ahead of us. He did not look either left or right.

Compared to the ride to the station many hours ago, the ride back seemed short. The cold night air revived me a little when I stepped out of the sergeant's vehicle. I could see the yellow tape blocking off the street. A couple of officers that I knew were standing behind the tape rocking back and forth on their heels and trying to keep warm. Beyond them, I could see the body of the suspect covered with a white sheet. Around the body and out into the street, were small groups of official looking people.

A man in a trench coat looked up from an intense conversation he was having with a woman in his group. He saw me and motioned with his hand for me to come towards him. The small group he was in broke and each member started walking in my direction. They were silhouetted by a bright glaring set of flood lights mounted on a trailer that illuminated the scene. Between the advancing figures, I could see that the white sheet over the body was stained in red.

**To Be Continued...**

Be legally careful out there. ♦

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Garden. The City settled, citing the expense of continuing the litigation and will pay \$39,000 for a memorial remembering a cop-killer that originally cost his sister \$550. I am sure the attorney that handled this case for Harris' sister views this case as a victory. I guess that is why there are all the lawyer jokes (which can only be told off-duty since no jokes can be told at

work because any joke, even a lawyer joke, could be politically incorrect and be potentially offensive to someone. You never know, the person you are telling a lawyer joke to could be harboring a secret, like they are married to a lawyer or worse yet their child could be in law school).

Anyway, hope everyone had a great holiday season. If you have any questions, call me or any of the other Directors, at (213) 251-4554. ♦

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#### Los Angeles Police Protective League Schedule of Benefits ReliaStar Dependent Decreasing Term Plan Group Policy No. GW-28751-2

Spouse's Age	Plan I	Plan II	Plan III	Plan IV	Plan V
20 & Under	10,000	20,000	30,000	40,000	50,000
21	9,800	19,600	29,400	39,200	49,000
22	9,600	19,200	28,800	38,400	48,000
23	9,400	18,800	28,200	37,600	47,000
24	9,200	18,400	27,600	36,800	46,000
25	9,000	18,000	27,000	36,000	45,000
26	8,800	17,600	26,400	35,200	44,000
27	8,600	17,200	25,800	34,400	43,000
28	8,400	16,800	25,200	33,600	42,000
29	8,200	16,400	24,600	32,800	41,000
30	8,000	16,000	24,000	32,000	40,000
31	7,800	15,600	23,400	31,200	39,000
32	7,600	15,200	22,800	30,400	38,000
33	7,400	14,800	22,200	29,600	37,000
34	7,200	14,400	21,600	28,800	36,000
35	7,000	14,000	21,000	28,000	35,000
36	6,800	13,600	20,400	27,200	34,000
37	6,600	13,200	19,800	26,400	33,000
38	6,400	12,800	19,200	25,600	32,000
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43	5,400	10,800	16,200	21,600	27,000
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45	5,000	10,000	15,000	20,000	25,000
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60	2,000	4,000	6,000	8,000	10,000
61	1,800	3,600	5,400	7,200	9,000
62	1,600	3,200	4,800	6,400	8,000
63	1,400	2,800	4,200	5,600	7,000
64	1,200	2,400	3,600	4,800	6,000
65	1,000	2,000	3,000	4,000	5,000
66 & over	0	0	0	0	0

#### Cost Biweekly

Active	\$1.55	\$3.10	\$4.65	\$6.20	\$7.75
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#### No Spouse

Coverage Active	\$0.70	\$1.40	\$2.10	\$2.80	\$3.50
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#### Cost Monthly

Retired	\$3.10	\$6.20	\$9.30	\$12.40	\$15.50
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#### No Spouse

Coverage Retired	\$1.40	\$2.80	\$4.20	\$5.60	\$7.00
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#### \*\*Children

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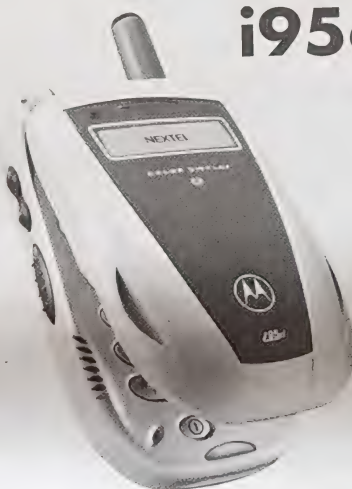
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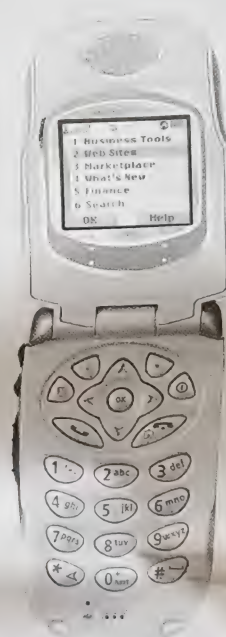
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# POLITICAL FRONTLINE



## LAPPL LEGISLATIVE CORNER

by Timothy H. B. Yaryan - LAPPL Legislative Counsel and Advocate

Our new Governor has been sworn in, and after rolling back the car tax, he called the Legislature back into Session. Actually he called three Extraordinary Sessions.

The Third Extraordinary Session (3x) concerns the repeal of SB60, the measure that allows undocumented immigrants to apply for driver's licenses. The bill to repeal SB60 is SB1 3x (Oller), and that measure has flown through the Legislature with hardly a "no" vote. By the time you read this article, SB60 will be repealed, although I expect legislation to be introduced to address the issue of driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants, but to focus on the security concerns lacking in the current law. We will work closely with Governor Schwarzenegger, Senator Cedillo and the Legislature in helping develop that new measure.

The Fourth Extraordinary Session (4x) proposes to enact worker's compensation reform. The Governor has offered an \$11 billion series of cost cutting reforms, focused mainly in the medical and legal areas. If the early committee hearings in this area are any indication,

the Governor is going to have much rougher sledding in getting the Legislature to go along with his proposals than he did with the SB60 repealer.

The Fifth Extraordinary Session (5x) deals with the budget. As we head into 2004, the single biggest challenge facing our newly elected Governor and the Legislature is the continuing budget problem. According to the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO), the state is facing a year end shortfall of \$10.2 billion, which will increase to almost \$15 billion once the VLF vote is rolled back.

The Legislature last year faced a fiscal shortfall as high as \$38 billion, which was the product of three years worth of major imbalances between revenues and expenditures triggered by the 2002 economic downturn and stock market decline. The majority of the 2003-04 budget solutions were clearly "one time" in nature, consisting of borrowing and deficits (\$18.3 billion); program cuts and savings (\$9.2 billion); accelerated revenues (\$4.5 billion); VLF increase (\$3.4 billion) and shifts to other funds (\$4.1 billion). The "ongoing operating shortfall," that is the \$10 billion ongoing deficit of revenues to expenditures, was not addressed in the current budget. The loss of the VLF increase, the added indebtedness and the triggering of Proposition 98 spending (triggered by the gains in revenues) all add

pressure to the current budget. Moreover, the staggering losses and costs associated with the Southern California wildfires—much not covered by federal assistance—paint a gloomy budget picture as we head into the new year.

The news is not all bad, however. The economy has clearly turned the corner, and there is a sharp improvement in business investment spending as evidenced by an 8.2% third quarter increase in the gross domestic product. This will result in higher business earnings and higher tax receipts from the corporate and personal sectors. The LAO estimates, conservatively, at least a \$2 billion increase in tax revenues as a result. The Governor signed the VLF rollback in Executive Order #1, and called the Legislature back into Extraordinary Session to deal with the budget. From a local government standpoint, this means backfilling the VLF. There are several fiscal options depending upon how the Governor and the Legislature ultimately decide to deal with this problem.

If there is no "backfill" this fiscal year, local government would have to find \$1.8 billion (which is an addition to the \$960 million "loan" already in effect) in new money just to break even. If there is a "backfill," the fiscal burden is shifted to the state, which will have to find a way to deal with the \$1.8 billion loss of funds. Finally, if there is a "back-

fill," and the roll back is made retroactive until October 1, 2003, the budget gap increases another \$3.2 billion. (CalWORKS, TANF and other federal funds would not be affected.) This last option is preferred by the administration. Since the Governor has advocated no new taxes, the only new revenue option is the proposed \$15 billion revenue bond (borrowing) to address the budget gap that still exists.

It's clear that the biggest challenge faced by the new administration will be to get the state's fiscal house in order. Any new programs will very likely take a backseat to solving this budget problem. It will be interesting to see what new legislation the Governor will be sponsoring, and we'll get a pretty clear picture in the next few months as the shape of new policy from this administration begins to develop.

I hope you had a good holiday season. I'll keep you updated throughout 2004. Stay safe!

P.S. In this article dealing with the Third, Fourth and Fifth Extraordinary Sessions, I should have pointed out that the First and Second Extraordinary Sessions have been already called and adjourned. The First Extraordinary Session dealt with last year's budget and the Second Extraordinary Session dealt with membership of the California Coastal Commission.

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diverse representation across the board. More than 2,200 completed surveys were submitted. Although many of the responses validated that the management of the Department is on the right course, other responses illustrated that the command staff needs to improve its relationship with the rank and file.

In your responses to the survey, what was most encouraging for me as your Chief was your desire to get the job done. Ninety-four percent of respondents indicated that they wanted to find and apprehend criminals, with 91 percent wanting to reduce crime, fear and disorder. Noting organizational deficiencies, 70 percent of respondents agreed that the paperwork requirements deter officers from making arrests, and 92 percent of respondents felt that field supervisors spent more time on paperwork than supervising patrol officers. I was impressed with the fact that 84 percent of respondents are confident that I, as your Chief, am leading you in the right direction, that 83 percent of respondents are willing to do whatever it takes to make the LAPD successful, and that if you had the chance to do it all over again, 83 percent of respondents would choose to be LAPD officers. Asked about job satisfaction, 73 percent felt more satisfied

with their jobs now than they did just one year ago. A similar survey is being designed for our civilian employees and will be distributed in the new year.

One of the pressing issues brought to light by the responses to the survey was the perception of poor relations between officers and command staff. When asked if top brass were more concerned with what is politically acceptable than with running the Department effectively, 88 percent of respondents agreed. Eighty-three percent agreed with the statement "In the eyes of the command staff, officers are guilty until proven innocent." This is one of my challenges over this new year, to work on those relationships between the rank and file and command staff. Without the trust, support and confidence of your superiors, we cannot reach Mayor Hahn's goal of making Los Angeles the safest large city in the nation.

The LAPD is all about change and constant improvement. We will continue to improvise and challenge ourselves as we embrace the best practices that will once again make this Department the worldwide leader in policing. While we should all be proud of the strides we've made, just doing better should never be enough. Our momentum is building, our opportunity is now.

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money government could spend. Since then voters have overridden Gann by passing exceptions such as Props 98, 99 and 111, and recently, Prop 49.

The March 2004 Ballot will present another Constitutional Amendment — Prop 56. It would remove the 2/3 majority vote required to pass the State budget and replace it with a 55 percent majority vote. Currently, in order to pass the State budget each year, 2/3 of the Assembly and Senate must vote yes to pass it.

Also on the March 2004 Ballot is Prop 55, which would raise about \$4.5 billion a year for pre-schools, kindergarten up through grade 12.

Raising money for the children and schools is like "motherhood and apple pie," except that Prop 55 goes around Prop 13, by changing the property tax

rate charged on commercial property.

The 1978 Holy Grail of Taxation, Prop 13, set the tax rate on all real property at 1 percent.

These are some of the dilemmas on which you'll have a vote come March 2, 2004. When you vote (or fail to vote) on a proposition, you are changing (or allowing others to change) the Constitution of California.

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Police Officer III + I Tim Falco passed away this past month while on a hunting trip (see Foothill divisional reporter for details). Tim was a great police officer and a friend to anyone who wanted his friendship. We will all miss him.

This past week retired deputy sheriff, Billy Sands, father of Director Tim Sands, passed away. I never had the opportunity to meet him; however, I do know his son very well. Tim is a tireless worker who deeply cares about police officers and their families. Tim has been

and will continue to be a major force for the needs of our members.

Billy Sands, I am sure, ingrained values such as honesty, compassion and dedication into Tim's character. The world is a poorer place today for his passing. RIP.

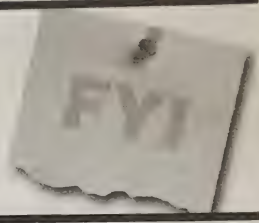
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## Promotion Commotion

by Diane Marchant, Esq.

After almost every Civil Service promotional exam, one or more disappointed candidates contacts the League to see if there is any legal recourse. Usually, there is not.

A candidate may complain that his score on the exam was lower than his score the last time he or she took it. Or, he may recognize someone on the certification list with a higher score whom he believes is not as good a candidate as he. Or, the candidate may complain that her score on the package review was too low and inconsistent with the high score she received on the written. In looking for the cause of these disparities, a candidate may conclude that the city's promotional system is too subjective.

However, a promotional system that utilizes subjective criteria is not in itself illegal. An employer is permitted

to use: (1) scored tests, which purport to measure knowledge, skill and ability; (2) non-scored measurements of objective criteria, such as seniority and education; and (3) subjective criteria, such as recommendations from supervisors, ability to get along with others, or the employee's attitude and enthusiasm about the job sought. Any or all of these selections devices is permitted under the law, so long as their use does not result in the selection of applicants for promotion in a race or gender pattern significantly different from that of the pool of applicants.

The Courts also recognize that more complex upper-level jobs require different variables an employer might reasonably consider and some subjective judgments are often essential. As one Court put it, "[Subjective criteria] are not to be condemned as unlawful per se, for in all fairness to applicants and employers alike, decisions about hiring and promotion in supervisory and man-

agerial jobs cannot realistically be made using objective standards alone." *Rogers v. International Paper Co.*, 510 F.2d 1340 (8th Circuit).

There is one area in the testing game where the city is vulnerable—and that has to do with the city following its own rules.

In one case, involving a lieutenant exam, the Civil Service Commission was ordered by Superior Court Judge Dzintra Janavs to comply with the Civil Service rules when administering promotional exams for rank advancement in the Police Department. The test at issue had a multiple choice qualifying test. If you didn't get a high enough score on the multiple choice, your essays were not graded and you were not permitted to proceed with the oral interview and package review. There is nothing wrong with this plan.

However, the Personnel Department decided that it would not add in the .25% per year seniority credits in computing the score on the multiple choice

qualifying test. This is contrary to Civil Service Rule 4.11. That rule requires seniority credits to be applied to all written tests and there is no question but that a multiple choice test is a written test. The Personnel Department relied on a policy that denied seniority credits to written tests that are used as qualifying tests and applied seniority credits only to weighted tests. This it cannot do, said the Court. What the Civil Service rules require cannot be changed by Personnel Department policy.

In summary, in order to have a good case in the promotional exam context, a candidate must be prepared to show that the city and/or the Department violated the law—either the law against discrimination based on race, gender, religion, age, et cetera, or the city's own charter, ordinances or rules; or violated one of the consent decrees (which have the force of law) to which it is a party. Absent such a showing, the courts do not interfere in the promotional process. ♦

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### LAPD TRAINING NEWS:

#### LAPD Alarm Policy Changes

As you may be aware, there will be some upcoming changes in how the LAPD will dispatch officers to requests for service generated from Code 30 alarm calls. Since so much has been written about this subject, we believe it's important for everyone to understand the policy changes and response procedures. The following is an overview of the pertinent information you need to know.

In response to the need to evaluate the utilization of police resources in light of decreased police personnel and increased demands on officers, the Los Angeles Police Commission, LAPD and the City Council have adopted a new approach that recognizes the value of

alarm systems in deterring crime, addresses the minority of alarm owners who generate false alarms and improves on the LAPD response to criminal activity that generates an alarm activation. The policy changes were enacted in response to the fact that the LAPD dispatches nearly 136,000 burglar alarm calls every year, accounting for 15 percent of the patrol workload. Numerous studies have shown that between 92 to 97 percent of alarm calls are false.

The Burglar Alarm Task Force—made up of representatives from the community, alarm industry and city departments—devised the following parameters, which will go into effect on

or after January 1, 2004:

- For the initial two requests for dispatch from an alarm activation within a 12-month period, LAPD will continue its current dispatch policy of sending responding police units as an all-unit call.
- After two previous activations are deemed to be false within a 12-month period, verification is required. Verifications of a valid alarm will be dispatched at a higher priority; there is no charge with respect to panic or robbery alarms.
- Verification is defined as observation by the alarm user, another person at or near the scene or remote electronic visual inspection of any physical indication that a crime is in progress or has occurred. If verification cannot be obtained, the call will be broadcast to divisional units over the radio, allowing any patrol unit to respond to the alarm call if and when available.
- Under current city ordinances, alarm users are subject to penalties for false alarms after two such activations within a year if the alarm user is permitted, and

one such activation is the alarm user is not permitted.

It should be noted that the City Council will amend the alarm ordinances to impose penalties for any false alarm activation, and any failure by the alarm companies or alarm users to have the required alarm permit at the time of installation. The owner of the alarm permit must renew the permit yearly. The Police Commission has recommended a penalty for the first false alarm of \$95 and increasing by \$50 for each subsequent false alarm. The City Council will set the specific penalties as part of the amendment process of the alarm ordinances.

We are all hopeful that these changes will result in less false alarms that needlessly eat up officers' time, which will also ensure quicker responses for real alarms and other crimes. Additional information on any amendments to this policy will be provided to you as soon as it is available.

### Don't Pay That Medical Bill!

by Bruce Philip Barnett,  
M.D., J.D., M.B.A.

#### Thoughts on patients' rights to challenge unfair medical bills

If you receive a medical bill for services not covered by insurance, think twice before paying the bill. The bill may have errors or just not be fair.

It is a fact that the amount any individual American will pay for his or her medical care often bears little relationship to the actual service provided. For example, about 90 percent of the two million uninsured people treated in Los Angeles County medical facilities pay nothing at all, while the rest of this uninsured population will be asked to pay many times more than the insured population pays for the same services.

The basis for collection of fees from patients is contract law. Where the contract is not written, the amount to be collected should be the ordinary, reasonable value for this service, or quantum meruit. Even if written, a patient has the same right as does any party to dispute the terms of a contract. All parties to contracts are supposed to deal fairly with one another in good faith. Patients are allowed to challenge an unreasonable or unfair bill.

By way of example, it is not unusual for a one-month hospitalization to generate a bill exceeding \$500,000. Individuals with insurance can end up paying nothing, a small co-payment or much more. An insurance company might have a contract that discounts the bill to \$90,000, while the state, through the Medi-Cal program, could pay as little as \$50,000 for the same stay.

Individuals with no insurance or government program benefits may be asked to pay the full, non-discounted fee. If pressed, the hospital can usually reduce a \$500,000 bill by 20 to 30 percent, but may resist further reductions. But a discount as steep as 40 percent still leaves a bill far higher than most insurers or government agencies are willing to pay. To make the uninsured patient pay so much more than others does not seem fair or reasonable. It makes sense for a patient to ask why he or she cannot pay \$90,000, just like the insurance company.

Accordingly, substantial medical bills, perhaps \$5,000 or higher, are worth reviewing before paying. You can request that the bill be itemized and look for the following:

Accuracy — are the dates of services correct?

Duplicate charges — does a room charge appear twice for the same day?

"Unbundled" charges — is there a fee for a medication and for its administration, a fee for the room and an extra charge for the bed, a fee for each of the individual tests within a panel of tests?

Obviously excessive fees for ordinary medications — \$10 for an aspirin tablet.

Inflated fees for usual services — \$500 requested when Medicare only pays \$100.

If your medical bill appears to be inaccurate, excessive or many times higher than the fair market value, it is reasonable to ask that it be reduced to the far lower amounts regularly accepted from insurance companies.

However, an aggressive or angry challenge to a hospital or doctor's bill may not yield concessions. Hospitals are especially likely to refer patients with outstanding bills to collection agencies. The more extreme tactics by hospitals, including request for bench warrants or "body attachments" for non-appearance in court on a collection matter, have recently come to light.

That is not to say you should pay an unfair medical bill out of fear. You are entitled to question bills that do not look right. And if the bill is very large, you may want to contact an attorney for advice.

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### Los Angeles Police

## MEMORIAL FOUNDATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

The Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation will issue five \$5,000 scholarships in April 2004. Each scholarship will be for \$5,000 per year for four years/\$20,000 maximum.

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The merit-based awards will be made to students who have demonstrated:

- Excellence in academic studies;
- Good character and high moral standards; and
- Extra-curricular achievement

Each applicant is required to submit two letters of recommendation.

One must be written by a current (12th grade or college) teacher. The other letter may come from any unrelated adult who knows the applicant well enough to comment on his or her character and moral standards. School transcripts are also required.

The deadline for receiving all materials is March 15, 2004. Applications may be obtained by contacting:



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- ☐ An applicant must be a 2004 high school graduate with a "C" average or better.
- ☐ The candidate will be judged on his/her scholastic record and extracurricular activities. If qualified to compete, the candidate will be invited to the essay portion of the Scholarship Awards Program.
- ☐ The essay will be held in the Spring of 2004. **The essay portion will be administered on one day, at one time, and at one location. Applicants must appear in person on that date and time. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

The scholarship finalists will be selected by the League Scholarship Committee.

This is a unique opportunity for the dependents of LAPPL members to earn scholarship assistance for the 2004 Fall college semester. The awards are based on the ability to analyze the essay question and then respond to it in writing.

If you would like to be considered, please complete the form and mail to the League office, **1308 West Eighth Street, Fourth Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017**. You may also pick up an application at the League office or request an application by telephone at **213-251-4599** or send E-mail to **lisa@lappl.org**.

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NOTE: This is not a scholarship application. It is a request form only.

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### Legal Update

by Judge Ross Klein

#### Bail and O.R.

A court may impose reasonable conditions and restrictions on a defendant prior to his release from custody, either by the posting of bail or on an own recognizance (OR) release.)

California Constitution Article 1, Section 12, states that except in specific cases, an individual is entitled to reasonable bail. In setting the bail amount, the court shall consider the seriousness of the offense that is charged, the defendant's previous criminal record, and the probability of his appearing at future court proceedings. A court may also exercise its discretion and release the defendant on his own recognizance.

Section 1269c states that when a bench officer sets bail, the court may also set forth terms and conditions that the court feels is appropriate. In determining the amount of bail, Penal Code section 1275 indicates that the court is to take into consideration the protection and safety of the public, the seriousness of the charged offense, the defendant's criminal history, and the probability of the defendant returning for future court appearances.

Penal Code section 1318(a)(2) states that a defendant shall not be released from custody until he has signed a release agreement promising to obey all reasonable conditions imposed by the court.

In the case of *In re York* (1995) 9 Cal 4th 1133, the California Supreme Court reviewed the authority given to a court to set bail and place reasonable restric-

tions on a defendant as a condition of his OR release. In *York* the defendants were given the choice of remaining in custody pending the trial, or in the alternative, obtaining an OR release with the conditions that the defendants submit to drug testing and be subject to search and seizure of his person, home and car without a search warrant. The Court held that the Legislature's 1988 amendment of Penal Code section 1318(a)(2) "intended to codify the authority of a court...in imposing OR conditions, to weigh considerations relative to the public safety that extend beyond those intended to ensure subsequent court appearances" (9 Cal 4th at 314). The Court further elaborated, "(W)hen one who otherwise would be incarcerated prior to judgment is offered the opportunity to obtain OR release, he...is not entitled to unconditional, bail-free release, but may obtain OR release only in the discretion of the court..." (9 Cal 4th at 318).

It may be argued that the court is unfairly able to impose bail conditions on a defendant already in custody, and not on one who has already posted bail. This argument was rejected by the court in *York* and also in the case of *Personnel Administrator of Massachusetts v. Feeney* (1979) 442 U.S. 256 in which the United States Supreme Court held that the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment "guarantees equal laws, not equal results" (442 U.S. at 273).

A defendant is not entitled to a presumption of innocence when the court is considering the setting of bail: "(I)t has no application to a determination of the

rights of a pretrial detainee during confinement before his trial has even begun." (Bell v. Wolfish (1979) 441 U.S. 520, 533). As far back as 1879, the California Supreme Court found that there is no presumption of innocence in the setting of bail (*Ex parte Duncan* 53 Cal. 410, 411).

In *People v. Sylvestry* (1980) 112 Cal App 3rd Supp 1, as a condition of the defendant's release from custody on her own recognizance, the defendant was ordered to stay at a residential rehabilitation facility. The Appellate Department of the Los Angeles Superior Court found that this was an appropriate condition of her OR release and further held that, pursuant to Penal Code section 2900.5(a), she was entitled to credit against her sentence for the time she was at the drug treatment facility.

#### Expert Testimony

Expert testimony is not required in comparing the similarities between shoeprints of a defendant and the print impressions found at a crime scene.

Evidence Code section 800 states that when a witness is not testifying as an expert, his opinion is limited to what was perceived by the witness if the opinion is helpful to a clear understanding of his testimony.

The first California case to address this issue was *People v. Lucero* (1998) 64 Cal App 4th 1107. During the commission of a robbery, the defendant left a shoeprint on the counter of a fast food restaurant. The defendant was later arrested, and a police officer was allowed to testify as to the similarity between the soles of the shoes the defendant was wearing and the impression left back at the restaurant. Citing Evidence Code section 800 the appellate court held that the shoe print testimony was permissible because a lay person could testify to the similarities.

In *People v. Maglaya* (2003) 112 Cal App 4th 1604 an individual, who was wearing tennis shoes, tried to open a door of a residence. When startled he ran away. The defendant matched the description given by the homeowner and was arrested a short time later. The appellate court affirmed the police officer's lay opinion testimony that there were similarities between the defendant's shoeprints and those left back at the scene of the crime. The opinion testimony was based on the officer's own perceptions since the shoeprints were both large and there were obvious points of similarities in the prints' ridgelines. The court held that the officer's testimony was helpful to a clear understanding

as to his testimony regarding the shoeprint impressions "since the jury would otherwise have to make its own tedious comparison of shoes and prints."


The proponent of the evidence must, of course, lay a foundation that the shoeprint evidence observed at the scene correspond with the shoeprints of the defendant. *People v. Zismer* (1969) 275 Cal App 2nd 660.

The trial court still retains its authority, under Evidence Code section 352, to exclude the testimony if its probative value is substantially outweighed by an undue consumption of time or if it will create a substantial danger of undue prejudice or confusion. This issue was addressed in *People v. Edelbacher* (1989) 47 Cal 3rd 983. In *Edelbacher* the defendant was convicted of murder and was sentenced to death. The trial court was correct in admitting testimony of the consistency between the shoe tracks observed at the defendant's house and leading to a vehicle that was driven by the defendant and those found at the murder scene. Although the testimony was given by an expert, "it did not tend to give the evidence an artificial aura of reliability." It would not engender undue sympathy for the victim or excite the emotions of the jurors. He simply summarized the similarity of the patterns of the shoes, something that the jurors themselves could readily see.

In *People v. Taylor* (1935) 4 Cal 2nd 495, the defendant was charged with burglary. The trial court permitted the prosecution to introduce photographs of two shoeprints, and an expert testified as to their similarities. The Supreme Court held that even though the witness concluded that the imprints were made by the same shoes, the jury still makes the final decision after considering the opinion evidence as well as making its own inspection of the physical evidence. Requiring that a defendant relinquish his shoes for the comparison does not violate a defendant's right against self incrimination or constitute an admission of guilt by the defendant. In *People v. Fuller* (1965) 236 Cal App 2nd 889 the defendant was not represented by counsel at the arraignment and was required to give his shoes to the police. The police then compared the shoes to the prints at the scene of the crime. The court held that this did not constitute self-incrimination since it did not involve "testimonial compulsion" and thus did not violate the defendant's U.S. Constitutional Fifth Amendment protections.

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# BEYOND THE BADGE

## HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS AT NORTH HOLLYWOOD

By Angie Hougen

There is a holiday tradition in North Hollywood that extends beyond the usual holiday party and local toy drives. Many of us have an individual involvement with a special child in the North Hollywood community. Each year North Hollywood area officers "adopt" over 100 kids through the Activities for Retarded Children (ARC).

For the past 16 years, North Hollywood officers are given the wish lists for each of the ARC kids. Some officers adopt several kids. Many officers will adopt the same kid year after year. The wish lists are very diverse but can include anything from computer games to art supplies. Team jerseys are also popular, as well as movie tickets and CDs. Each officer will choose one or two items on their wish list and bring them back to the station beautifully decorated and ready to surprise their ARC child. For many of the kids, the North Hollywood officer's gift may be the only present they receive during the holiday season. In the history of the ARC program, no child has ever been forgotten. Every child has been "adopted" and surprised at the annual holiday party.

This year, ARC hosted their annual holiday party on Saturday, December 20. Dozens of North Hollywood officers join the ARC kids for a celebration including a luncheon, music, entertainment, and even dancing! But the highlight of the afternoon is the arrival of Santa and his elves. He calls each of the kids to the stage, and through the generosity of North Hollywood officers, they all see their holiday wishes come true. It's an emotional time, with tears of joy, shouts and screaming, and kids running up to and hugging their newly found friends. The celebration is an unforgettable event.

ARC is an organization which provides housing, food and activities for



Brenda Aguilar in the conga line.



Geno Ferone - "The Ninth Reindeer."



ARC Party Luncheon and Party.

over 100 developmentally disabled adults. Many of the ARC kids live in their facility in North Hollywood. Others live in an apartment across the street, and some live with their parents. Most have responsibilities within the facility, and some are able to work within the community. The organization began when a mother with a Down's Syndrome adult was looking for activities and support for her child. Through an alliance with other families, she was able to form ARC. The organization has expanded through the years and now includes over 100 kids, as well as their families.

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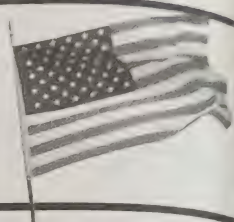
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by J.J. Leonard

## "Happy New Year"

### November 18, 2003 Meeting

Well, J.J. and Joe Albright were given a break. Megan & Ken, Panorama City Post Legionnaires, volunteered to cook. Outstanding! Anita & Fern assisted them. The tables were covered with red, white or blue tablecloths with place settings (DON'T get used to this, it ain't happening!). You were required to make your own salad, but dinner was served. A class act! Thank you, Megan, Ken and Anita and Fern. Another great dinner meeting.

Those in attendance signed in order of arrival: Frank Torres, Bill & Judy Zimmerman, Frank & Dorothy Ortiz, Dennis DeNoi, Hal Yarnell, Gail & Kathy Tam, Rick Leiphardt, Boris Ming, Marshal Maydeck, Clinton Erickson, and Francis Davidson, Glen & Naomi Kailey, Ray & Pat Elmer, Cliff Jhannoei, Mike Habicht, Fred Hall, Mel Tousseau, ol' Drill Team member, George Aguilar, Bill Maier, Pete & Viola Kutzbach, Don MacLennan, George Hofstetter, Sean Torkelson, Rob Welborn, Bob Kosier (a guest), J.J. Leonard, Bob Reeves, Rick Leiphardt, & Col. Joe Mueller.

Visiting dignitaries were 17th District Commander (one of our own) Woody Baca, 17th District Vice-Commander (also one of our own and Police Post

Junior Past Commander) Richard Ledesma and his wife, Elvia; and Evelyn Javaris with her sister Florence from the Leonidas Post.

Where was Pinky Meredith, Emmett Drennen, etc.??

### Special Days in January

January 1, 2004 - Thursday, New Year's Day

January 3, 2004 - Monday, "Choir Boys" at Yankee Doodles, Woodland Hills

January - No Meeting in January - Los Angeles Police Emerald Society

January 19, 2004 - Monday, Martin Luther King Day

January 20, 2004 - Tuesday, American Legion, 6:00 p.m., Panorama City

January 23, 2004 - Friday, 1968 USS Pueblo attacked by North Korea, 1-KIA, 82 held prisoner for 11 months.

### Saving Specialist Gray

Specialist (SPC) Roy Alan Gray is a member of the 1-8 Infantry Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th ID, aka Fighting Eagles. On September 8, 2003, he was with a convoy delivering a "hot dinner" to Bn Hdqtrs when a mortar round exploded wounding him with shrapnel up through his left thigh and shoulder and ear. The leg wound proved life threatening.

Medics requested Air MEDEVAC. While treating him, mortars continued to impact around them. His thigh wound continued to bleed profusely so the medics applied a tourniquet, a common last resort measure, which blocks all blood flow to the injured leg but increases the chances of losing the leg. But it did stop the massive blood loss, saving his life. The surgeons reported that if not for the medic's immediate response, SPC Gray would have been dead on arrival (DOA).

Meanwhile, MEDEVAC from the 54th Medical Co., Air Ambulance, UH60, Blackhawk helicopter crew, which included pilot Warrant Officer Brian Walters, son of Phil Walters, motor officer assigned to TCS, was enroute. From the time they were requested to arrival, it took 25 minutes. This included the mandatory 18-minute prep, chart their trip, and load up. It was only a 5-minute flight, which means the crew was ready in less than two minutes. SPC Gray was transported to the 21st Combat Support Hospital (CSH), specifically designed for field environ-

ments and quick mobility, the long, insulated tents are attached to form a series of wings. Cleanliness is a constant battle in the sand-covered country of Iraq.

In less than 15 minutes after arrival, SPC Gray was on the operating table. Death was imminent. He had lost almost all of his blood. Hemoglobin and Hematocrit, lab tests that measure blood levels, were at critical levels of 1.6 and 6.2, respectively. Normal levels are approximately 15 and 45, blood pressure was unstable.

Doctors began blood transfusions, the orthopedic surgeon placed an "external fixator," similar to a large brace, that locks onto the setrate pieces of SPC Gray's shattered femur, the largest thigh bone, to stabilize the injury. In the O.R., an arteriogram, which is an x-ray where they shoot dye into the blood vessels to search for bleeding, was done. Discovered sources were controlled. SPC Gray was transferred to ICU for round the clock attention. But significant bleeding continued, the source unclear. At times his bleeding was faster than the replacement. Back to O.R. for exploration to locate the source of the bleeding. While the wound left a hole in his thigh large enough for surgeons to fit their hands through, the largest artery, vein, and nerve were amazingly undamaged. His condition was tenuous. There was some bleeding, which was controlled; to the extent that would explain the blood loss. The wound was cleaned and packed with special gauze impregnated with substances to help clotting. SPC Gray was returned to ICU. The transfusions continued until they could find the cause of the blood loss. SPC Gray's continued blood loss soon led to the problem of replacement. Whole blood and plasma banks were running low. Also platelets, another portion, which are necessary to clot blood, were not available in the blood bank. These levels had also dropped to critical levels of 14,000 (normal is 250-450,000).

As supplies ran low, doctors began a blood drive. Every available person with O positive blood gave even those from other units. They didn't know Gray, they only knew they shared the same uniform.

Now that a large source of blood donors were available and 12 more hours had passed without improvement,


he was taken to the O.R. for a third time. They were less delicate this time, opening the wound wider to enlarge the exposed area. Tissue was sacrificed and they finally located the source—a "pumper", coursing backwards, hidden behind the bone and buried beneath most of the tissue in his thigh. Doctors quickly tied it off. Other slow seeping bleed sources were cauterized (burned), and as a final effort to stop the blood loss they applied a new substance called "Quick Clot" in a non-conventional fashion. They spread it over the surface to concentrate the blood seepage, thereby assisting with the wound's overall ability to clot. It is not typically used in this manner, but the surgeons wanted to take all precautions.

Two hours later, for the first time in 36 hours, SPC Gray's blood levels were stable. On Sept. 11, 2003, the Air Force transported SPC Gray to Baghdad and then to Landshtul, Germany. Still unconscious and reliant on a respirator, his condition remained critical. His parents were flown in to be by his side. On Sept. 24, he was flown to Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital in Washington, D.C. On Sept. 27, he regained consciousness to discover all the fuss he had caused. His broken leg will require further care. He still has much ahead of him.

A total of 47 units of blood products were given. Our bodies have about six liters of blood; therefore, this represents approximately two complete blood transfusions. This does not include 24 liters of I.V. fluid representing four more transfusions. Sixty-one people donated blood, including members of his unit, soldiers from other units, medical staff taking care of him and others who just heard about his situation.

By all accounts, SPC Roy Gray should be dead. Had he not been injured right next to his aid station, or his fellow soldiers and medics not raced out to his aid, or the helicopter not arrived in time, or the doctors not been able to find the source of his bleeding, or the blood drive not succeeded, then you would have heard that we lost another soldier on the evening news. Instead, by last count, 113 people took direct part in the care of SPC Gray from point of injury to his evacuation from Iraq. It took that many "cogs in the wheel" to accomplish this,

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## Veteran's Corner

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many individual cogs, that if any failed, SPC Gray would have died. Keep in mind that this count does not include the second Blackhawk crew that flew him to Baghdad, the C-130 aircraft crew that flew him to Germany, and his hospital staff there or his final flight crew that returned him to Washington, D.C., so that yet another medical staff can nurse him back to health. This number does not include those who indirectly supported his care, such as hospital personnel who keep the hospital running, flight coordinators, supply personnel, etc. What about keeping all these people fed, sheltered, and paid? Who made sure all the equipment in the ER/OR/ICU was stocked and available for use? Who kept all the vehicles in working order? Who is helping the families back home?

SPC Gray's case is representative of the esprit de corps of those in uniform in Iraq. There are many people involved in keeping them alive and working for freedom in Iraq that are never seen. The doctors, nurses, medics, pilots, crews, lab techs, the National Guard and all the Reserves who, more often than not, are in a combat support role, much like SPC Gray. They too risk their lives, left their families and friends and sacrifice. They are not likely to be the ones that

find Saddam. They do not man the checkpoints or conduct the raids, but they do see the casualties. They understand truly that "freedom isn't free" and witness its price. They can only stare at the daily horrors of the war and negotiate for a lower price. They spend all day, every day, attempting to get all the "SPC Grays" home to their families, alive and well.

Interestingly enough, on Sept. 8, the national news reported "there was little action in Iraq today..." (Submitted: Major Kevin J. Cuccinelli, Battalion Surgeon, 1-8 Infantry.)

### The Next Meeting of Police Post 381

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, at our "home away from home" Panorama Post #817 at 13533 Reedley Avenue, Panorama City (east of Woodman Ave. & north of Roscoe Blvd). The next meeting is February 17, 2004, normal donation of \$5 for dinner. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Social gathering is to follow the meeting at 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. For information on the meeting, please call Commander **Dennis DeNoi** at (213) 473-8871, Adjutant **Frank Ortiz** at (626) 331-4271 or **J.J. Leonard** at (818) 756-9403.

### Our Brothers Still Missing

Many of our brothers who served in the Armed Forces of this great country

are unable to enjoy the freedom and liberty which their sacrifices helped to secure. Pause for a few moments to remember those brave souls who have not returned home yet. Don't ever forget them! POW/MIA. Semper Fi! Editor **J.J. Leonard**.

## Commander's Message

by Dennis J. DeNoi

This past month the Post hosted another successful annual "Old Timers Night" (November meeting). As I have stated in the past, Old Timers Night is one of my favorite Post functions, and the reason I started getting actively involved with the American Legion. If you missed it, we had a great turnout and were served an outstanding meal that was hosted by the Panorama City Post. The Panorama Post treats us well and we have enjoyed our long association with them. If you're ever in the area (see address above), stop by for a cold one and some good camaraderie. Also, please join us at a future Post activity. The Los Angeles Police Department did not hold recruit classes in September or October and we will not address the November and December classes until later this month. We hope to resume our recruitment drive at that time. Speaking

of talking to the new recruits, in the past when addressing new class, the question of applying for a Veteran's Affairs GI Bill, on-the-job training education benefits would inevitably come up. The issue was the failure or inability to obtain these benefits while in the academy and during probation. Several attempts were made to rectify this problem in the past with mixed to negative results. Now that I am the Department Military Liaison Officer and also the current Commander of the American Legion Post, I was able to contact all the key players in this matter as part of my official duties. I am glad to report that an equitable solution has been worked out. At this time, qualified prior service veterans or reserve members of the armed forces can apply and submit their applications for VA financial educational benefits via Training Division, Recruit Coordination Training Unit (RCTU). In addition, the VA will consider and may approve retroactive financial benefits earned one year prior to the date your application is accepted and approved. For more details on this matter, please refer to my Military Liaison Officer article under the Divisional Reporter section of this issue or contact the staff at RCTU. I want to wish all our veterans a joyous holiday season and a happy new year. *Semper Fi. DJD.* ♦

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### Rampart Division

P.O. II Sandra Pajuelo, #35970  
P.O. III Jesus Garcia, #33023

After homicide, rape ranks as the next most heinous and reprehensible crime that one individual can commit against another. The victim may recover slowly from the physical wounds, but usually suffers for an extended period from the mental and emotional trauma caused by this most intrusive of crimes.

On September 30, 2003, a young Guatemalan teenager was violently and forcibly raped against her will by her uncle. The rapist rationalized to her that she owed him sex in exchange for helping her emigrate to the United States. The victim tried to fight off the attack but was overwhelmed when he smothered her as he committed his crime.

Hollywood Area Officers **Alan Ghasserani** and **Marco Rodriguez** responded to the initial radio call. They realized the sensitive nature of the incident and requested a female Spanish speaker to assist in the investigation. Rampart Area Officers **Sandra Pajuelo** and **Jesus Garcia** responded and provided the necessary translation. Together the officers worked to conduct as thorough an investigation as possible in order to facilitate the arrest and conviction of the named suspect.

Later on the same night, Officers **Jesse Oropeza** and **Jim Tumbiero** responded to a radio call of an "attack suspect there now." The incident comments indicated that the suspect was wanted for an attack that occurred earlier that day. Officers **David Tyson** and **Mark Jones** also responded to the radio call and assisted in interviewing the witnesses. The officers were able to ascertain the suspect's location and clothing description.

The officers conducted a follow-up to an apartment in Hollywood Division and contacted the suspect. He voluntarily surrendered and provided his true identity, which matched the crime report. The officers conducted a field show-up to positively identify the suspect.

The suspect was then transported back to Hollywood station where Detective **Sylvia Ruize** interviewed the suspect in Spanish and obtained his consent to submit to a Sexual Assault Evidence Kit as well as Medical Release form. Det. **Michael Pelletier** took multiple digital photos of the suspect.

The reports and evidence were turned over to Hollywood Sex Crimes Det. **Elizabeth Estupinian**. She interviewed the victim and the suspect. As a result of the detailed work of the patrol officers in the initial investigation and the teamwork of the PM watch detectives, she successfully filed three felony counts against the suspect.

The officers are commended for their compassion, their tenacity in apprehending a violent felon, and their attention to duty that led to the arrest of the suspect. Their efforts are a reflection of their dedication and commitment to making Los Angeles safer for all. ♦

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# DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Divisional Reporter is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Divisional Reporters may submit one report per Division for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.



by Jim Johnson  
Juvenile Division

November is known for family time and celebrating. Juvenile Division had their big turkey feast celebrating Thanksgiving on November 19. **Greg Stahr, Ruben Sanchez, Dennis Shirey and Emmanuel Hernandez** deep-fried five large turkeys using a special marinade. Everyone brought side dishes, countless pies and desserts. We all enjoyed the fantastic food and fellowship.



Karen Trimble.

On November 24, **Karen Trimble** celebrated her birthday and her 30-year anniversary with the Department in the Captain's office with her friends. Karen, one of our fine civilian employees, started with the city on her birthday 30 years ago and said, "It went by so fast."



Craig Rawls and his truck.

**Craig Rawls** of DARE section just won two trophies with his 1948 Chevrolet pickup. Craig said his truck took second place in the Inglewood Classic Car Show and won a Showstopper Award at the Cops for Tots show. Craig bought his truck back when he was 18 and has restored it three times. His pickup is equipped with a 383 V8, 400 automatic transmission, leather interior and is painted a champagne gold. Craig is also in the process of restoring a 1955 Chevrolet Belair two door.

Juvenile just formed a new basketball team. Our team players are **Todd Waymire, Joe Duran, Robert Cervantes, Sharyn Buck, Oscar Lopez, Marcella Piersol, Daniel Aguirre and Ruben Sanchez**. As the season begins,

we ask that you support our team by coming out to the games and cheering them on.

On November 25, we had our first win against South Bureau GET Detail, 46 to 43. All of the games are at the Academy.

## Juvenile Division Detective is a Descendant of an Alamo Hero

"Remember the Alamo." The Alamo is a great story of brave people who chose to fight for their beliefs, knowing there was no hope of success against overwhelming odds.

On Nov. 19, 2003, Det. III **Alejandro Rosales**, a 33-year veteran with the Department, received an award from the state of Texas, Alamo Defenders Descendants Association, recognizing him as a direct descendant of an Alamo defender.

Det. Rosales is the fifth generation grandson of Alamo hero Jose Gregorio

Esparza. In February and March, 1836, Esparza was a member of the company of native Texans under Capt. Juan Seguin fighting for the freedom of the Texas territory. Esparza was a cannoneer in the battle of the Alamo in San Antonio de Bexar, Texas against Mexican General Antonio Lopez de Santa Ana and his army of 5,000 soldiers. On Feb. 23, 1836, Esparza was notified that all friends of the Alamo should enter the Alamo garrison. Esparza, his wife and four young children entered the walls of the Alamo and prepared to fight for the freedom of Texas. On Mar. 3, 1836, Col. James Bowie announced to all men and women inside the Alamo that those who wished to leave could do so. When asked if he wished to leave, Esparza replied, "No, I will stay and die fighting." On Mar. 6, Esparza and 185 other Alamo defenders, including David Crockett, James Bowie, and William Barret Travis, perished under the great force of Santa Ana's army. Esparza died from a bullet wound to the

chest and a bayonet wound to his side.

We at Juvenile Division share in Det. Rosales' pride and commend the great price his ancestor paid for freedom. Det. Rosales' award from the Alamo Defenders Descendants Association is on display in Juvenile Division.

## Juvenile Division's Basketball Schedule:

Jan. 8, 2004	8:00 a.m.	Juvenile vs. STD
Jan. 15, 2004	8:00 a.m.	Juvenile vs. SCUB
Jan. 22, 2004	10:00 a.m.	Juvenile vs. OSVD
Jan. 29, 2004	9:00 a.m.	Juvenile vs. CTD
Feb. 5, 2004	10:00 a.m.	Juvenile vs. CID
Feb. 12, 2004	8:00 a.m.	Juvenile vs. STD



by Larry Wehage  
Newton Division

## Boxers Gone Wild

Newton brawlers went 5-0 against opponents at the recent LAPD vs. LASD tournament. Congratulations go out to **Bobby Hill, Rudy Barragan, Frank Diaz, Gabe Gaxiola, and Ivan Guillermo**. Keep up the great work.

## Elevator Action

One of those named above must have returned from the tournament a bit dizzy. While escorting several individuals to the second floor in our elevator, he and his covey of community friends became "trapped" when the elevator quit work-

ing. Several minutes went by before anyone knew they were in the elevator. Thankfully, the fire department personnel housed directly across the street came to the rescue and saved the day.

## Party Time in Whittier

Newton's Christmas (can I say that instead of holiday?) party was held at the Whittier Radisson on December 19. The guest of honor, Jay Leno, allegedly requested to be driven to the party in a police car. A few phone calls resulted in the loan of a 1958 Chevy black and white. A few people on the street who observed the escort will undoubtedly try to vote more money for the Department, believing we are hurting for newer cars.

## More Explorer Activity

Newton Street Explorers traveled



north to the city of Paso Robles for a three-day Explorer competition. The



event tested their police skills, knowledge, and physical abilities. The California Highway Patrol were hosts for the Central Coast Explorer Competition. Newton Explorers competed against some of the best kids from California and Arizona. Building searches, crime scene investigations, and tug-of-war, were some of the nearly 15 events being tested. When not competing, the Explorers were enjoying themselves at numerous festivities, which included a Halloween dance. The Central Coast Explorer Competition was well organized, which challenged all the competitors. Our kids look forward to returning next year. Congratulations go to **Jaime Ruiz** for winning a \$500 scholarship, and to **Rocio Morales** and **Dagoberto Moreno** for winning trophies in the 5K run. **Joe Avila**, with help, chaperoned our contingent of young adults.

## The Passing of a Hero

On November 8, **William McCarthy** passed away. No, he did not work Newton, nor has he ever lived in the community. He was a decorated World War II veteran who was involved in the liberation of the Dachau Prison Camp.

Although disabled during the war, he survived 84 years, 48 of those years with his wife Mary. Together they raised six children. One of those children is a 15-year Newton Reserve Officer, **John McCarthy**. Goodbye, Hero, and thanks for your sacrifice to keep us free.

## Vice Don't Play

While investigating activity at a local strip club, Newton Vice personnel were interrupted by a fellow hawking stolen goods. **Ted Spicer** and his team of enthusiastic worker bees changed their game face, created a plan, and eventually arrested three for RSP. Not only did the suspect have some stolen stuff, he and his cronies had a stolen trailer loaded with goodies. How does Vice recap that activity? Great pinch.

## A New Year Begins

Usually at the beginning of a new year we procrastinators make promises to ourselves. Typically, we falter within a month or two. The year 2004 is different. This year should be a promise to a loved one. Maybe a trip to visit a relative you haven't seen in many years is in order. Don't even call. Just drive. Make hotel reservations before arrival, so they don't feel obligated to host you.

If you have kids or grandkids, do something that will create a positive memory for them and you. No, it does not require spending a bunch of money on them. Be creative.

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## Winning With West Traffic

by Sgt. Stephanie Krajchir  
West Traffic Division

### Ins and Outs

The Pacific-LAX detail stole three of our best officers. Best of luck to **Mustafa Hassanzai**, **Ricky Hernandez**, and **Frank Navarro**. In from Newton is **P2 Omar Bazulto**, from Southeast is **P2 Sean Patcheak**, and **P2 Taylor Peterson** from West Valley.

### Milestones

Congratulations to **PII Robert Lewis** and wife April on the birth of their fourth son, Logan. He was born Sept. 15, 2003, weighing in at 6 lbs., 15 oz. One more and you have a basketball team!

**P.O. II Martin Barocio** is now an official BCMC after having completed motor school. This is a great achievement after recovering from a broken col-

lumbone! Come back to WTD soon.

Congratulations to **P.O. II Rebecca Reyes** for being selected by the Memorial Foundation to receive one of their Crystal Angel Awards for her off-duty volunteer efforts.

### Condolences

Condolences to **P3 Dorrick Davis** on the passing of his father and to **P2 Kevin Payne** and **P2+2 Hilton Henry** on the passing of their grandmothers.

### More Commendable "Kim" Capers

**P.O. II Josh Kim** was in the area of Santa Monica Blvd. and the 101 Freeway one afternoon when an unknown citizen advised him that a woman was sitting on a handrail at that location. Upon approach, she (Martinez) advised him that she wanted to kill herself. While Kim was waiting for additional units and a supervisor, he established a rapport with the woman and gained enough trust to get close to her. However, Martinez refused to get off the rail and continued her threats to jump onto the freeway. While attempting to light a cigarette, she dropped her lighter. As she fumbled for another, Kim and **P.O. II+II Jeremy Duncan** grabbed Martinez by the arms, pulled her off the

handrail, and took her into protective custody. She was subsequently transported to Queen of Angels Hospital for further evaluation.

On September 26, 2003, **P.O. II Robert Kim** was in the area of Western and Country Club when he was flagged down by a citizen advising of a possible man with a gun in the area. After a crime broadcast, he located a possible suspect up the road and requested a backup. Although initial verbal commands to submit to an arrest were ignored and refused, the suspect finally complied and was taken into custody. A very realistic looking B.B. handgun was found on his person and off to jail he went. However, since there was technically no crime, no victim, and he wasn't on probation or parole (yet), Kim was forced to release the suspect, return the "toy" to him, and even drive him back to where he was arrested. To protect and to serve...

Not having enough fun, Kim was back at it the next day. All Robert wanted was some of his favorite Korean noodles. However, he had to initiate a traffic stop on a motorist who almost collided with him as he crossed Olympic from 5th Avenue. A want/warrant check on the individual returned as Code 6 Charles with a \$90,000 warrant for

GTA. Could this be a common name? No matching descriptors? Oh no, not for Bob. Everything matched and after backup arrived, the suspect was taken into custody. When he was presented with the warrant information, the suspect begged not to go to jail because it was his birthday. Then he decided to add a new twist to the tale and asked what the implications were for providing false information to a peace officer. Hmm, let's see—JAIL! After lying to two officers and a supervisor, he got to visit Wilshire station again, where the officers who arrested him the last time for—surprise—GTA assisted in the verification of his identity. It appears that he had provided all the correct information of his cousin because he did not have a valid driver's license and didn't want his vehicle impounded. Although the warrant was for his cousin, the suspect still had his car impounded and he got booked for 31 VC. All to get out of a little ticket. Great job, Bob!

### Lastly

Just a note of thanks to all of our fabulous CI and TE coppers. The teamwork and detailed investigations are outstanding. You make WTD a great place to work!



by Leslie Mariscal  
Central Traffic Division

### Ins and Outs

Again we say goodbye and good luck to our fellow partners at CTD. **Sgt. I L. Jones** went to play with his motor at VTD as a motor sergeant. **Officer II J. Fink** has left CTD to chase the bad guys at the Fugitives Unit, DSD. **Officer II C. Merrin** left for West Valley Division. **Officer II R. Teter** and **Officer II C. Sanz-Agero** started their tour at West L.A. Division. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication!

Welcome to our new transferees: **Officer II K. Colby** from Harbor Division, **Officer II M. Webb** from Pacific-LAX, and **Officer II J. Cho** from Southwest Division. We hope you enjoy your tour at CTD!

### Promotions

Congratulations to our very own **Sgt. II J. Liggett** who promoted within.

### CTD Reserves Battle the Bandit Taxis

On November 8, 2003, **Officer III T. Fox**, 15 Reserve officers and the DOT conducted the CTD monthly Bandit Taxi Detail in Hollenbeck Area.

Councilman **Dennis Zine**, who is a Reserve officer, was assigned as a team leader. His team consisted of three Reserve officers, one DOT officer and a chase unit. Zine and his team made one arrest 30 minutes into the field. Shortly thereafter they made two more arrests, one for operating an illegal taxi and another for breaking into a parking meter.

Police Commissioner **Skobin** was also at the detail as an observer. He went



Bandit Taxi Detail.

into the field with DOT Investigator **Robert Johnson**.

By the end of the day, eight taxi drivers were arrested. Both Zine and Skobin stated how impressed they were with the Reserve officers' professionalism and camaraderie. They were also impressed with how well the Reserves worked together.

### Cops 4 Tots

I need to make a major correction to our last entry regarding the Cops 4 Tots T-shirt Day at Communications Division. They actually bought \$6,000 worth of T-shirts in support of the chil-



Thai Ngo gets dunked for the kids.

dren at Children's Hospital. Thanks again for your support.

The car show was a complete success! CTD broke its all time record in fundraising. This event could not have been the success it was without its wonderful volunteers. Many of CTD's personnel unselfishly donated their Sunday towards this event.



Cops 4 Tots T-shirt day at Communications Division

### CTD Babies!

Congratulations to **Det. II Johnny** and **Gisselle Meneses**, who had a baby girl last July named Rebecca, and to **Sr.**

**Clerk Typist Bertha Flores** and her husband Salvador, who were also blessed with a baby girl named Sarah. Sorry, no pictures!

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

### CENTRAL



by Marie Kardiban  
Central Area

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday and a happy new year. I don't have anything exciting to advise at Central this month other than to remind everyone to support their fellow officers who were chosen for the recipients of the 2003 Officer Recognition Awards. The luncheon will be held at the Wilshire Grand on February 5 and will

be hosted by the Central City Police Boosters. If you have any questions or wish to attend, please contact Officer Marie Kardiban in the Community Relations Office for further information. As always, some community members provide complementary lunches for officers and detectives in their area, so contact me early to be put on the list.

Don't forget we are still selling the LAPD chocolate badges. Looks like we will have them until after Valentine's Day. Depending on the response, which has been very good, it is possible this may be a fundraiser for our Deputy Auxiliary Police, DAPS on a yearly basis. Please contact Officer Irma Foster or Officer Marie Kardiban (See information to the right). Remember, it is a fundraiser for the Central Area DAPS, to help with the expenses on their cultural outings and crime prevention education. Your contribution is *tax deductible*. ❖

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### North news

by Angie Hougen  
North Hollywood Area

#### Holiday Party a Success

Thanks again to Vickie Keoseian for bringing together a terrific holiday party. The Airtel was a festive venue, and with a good dinner and great prizes, the evening was a tremendous success. Putting together the holiday is a huge production, and many people in North Hollywood were involved. We are all very grateful to everyone who helped put together the evening's activities. Look for pictures in next month's edition.

#### A Season of Giving to the Neighborhood

From Halloween until New Year's Day we can always count on Reserve Officer Esther Niell to volunteer hundreds of hours to make each event special. From our first "Haunted Jail" to the Holiday Toy Caravans through the local neighborhoods, to the Junior DAP Christmas celebration, and ARC party, Esther brings hundreds of people in the North Hollywood community help during times of need and celebration during times of joy. She worked closely with Johnneen Jones to put together a great "Haunted Jail." The line going out the door was the proof that great effort is always appreciated. Countless kids in the neighborhoods enjoyed the open house and some stood in line over and over again to "survive" the "jail." The month of December wouldn't be the special celebration of the season that it is, without Esther's hard work reaching out to hundreds in the community.



Thanks again, Esther!

#### Officer of the Month

Congratulations to Officer Susan Inverno, North Hollywood Area's Officer of the Month for October, 2003! As of press time, the Officers of the Month for November and December are still a mystery. There will be updates next month.

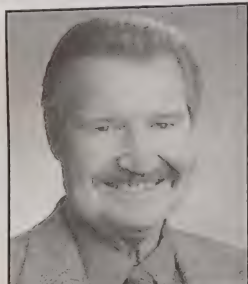
#### Alvarez's Baby is Doing Great!

When Jianna Lily Alvarez was born on August 26, she was nine weeks premature. She was a little one starting out at 3 lbs., 9 oz. and 17 inches long. She spent four weeks in the neonatal intensive care unit at Northridge Hospital Medical Center. Since then, she has been at home with her parents, Officer Bruce Alvarez and Amy Gardner. Jianna is now a healthy 13 pounds and doing great. Congratulations, Bruce and Amy! ❖

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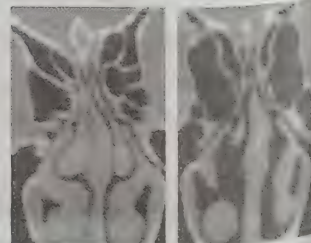
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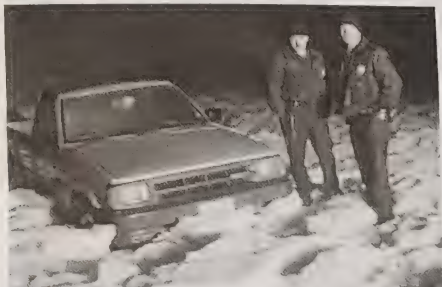
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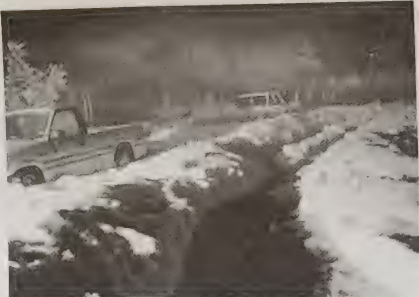
# 18 SOUTHEAST

by Officer Massey  
Southeast

Good morning. It's December 1st and this report is due in an hour. I'm gonna skip Officer Spotlight this month, because I have a few pics and people at the station are being especially nice to me now that I'm writing for Southeast. We'll start with the closest we'll get to a snowstorm in Southeast. It left the citizens questioning their karma and cops handling radio calls on foot, in knee-deep water. If anything, we learned that



**Avila** and **Campos** wonder how they're gonna get home.



113th St. and Bellhaven.

those storm drains are just that—drains and not field expedient trash cans. I think I saw a log jam of 40 oz. bottles being guided down Wilmington by industrious recyclers. They made a killing. Can't be sure as I managed to be the first in the division to lose my car outside of Jordan Downs. It's amazing how my P-1 can complicate matters from the passenger seat. Thankfully, the ensuing power loss failed to rouse any opportunistic cretins and the division remained wet but intact. And thanks to the divisions that sent units to drive in circles around the housing developments. I'm sure you were bored silly. See, **J. Thompson**? I told you it'd be okay. There, there. I know, I know. Let it all out. Feel better? Credit for the pics goes to **Beth Heim** and a good camera.

## Monthly Caper

On to some serious business. **Skett** and **Bright** are eastbound 115th St. from Alvaro when they observe two local



Jeff wonders, "Do I have to pay for this?" That's a good shop. I hope they don't fix the hole.

hoodlums (Can I say that?). They elect to exchange a friendly greeting with the youngsters, but in a rare faux pas, one flees. The other runs directly at our two heroes and decides that firing a gun at them would best express his outrage at society. Bright, getting out of the car,

has his Astro antenna shot off and a through-and-through to his shirt below the vest. Close doesn't begin to describe. Strange (or not so strange, depending on your level of cynicism) is that the round went through the door. We might want to keep that in mind. A "help" call goes out and the troops arrive. The suspect is observed by morning watchers as he exits an apartment. He is detained and identified by Bright and Skett, who had a pretty good look at him, as you can imagine. The incident was handled with gusto and aplomb in true Southeast fashion. Here's some pics.

## Additions/Subtractions

Congrats to Skett and **Burcham** for getting P-3 spots here at Southeast. Leaving the division is **Gallegos** who makes Detective at 77th, **Dehesa** goes to RMG. That's nice. And the freshly minted P-2s: **Goosby** to Central, **Diaz** to Foothill, and **Delany** to STD, Det. **McArthur** arrives from Narco.

**Jimmy** and **Amy Provost** announce the birth of Greenlee Noelle Provost on 11/29/03. She weighed 7.8 lbs. at 20-1/2 inches. She currently benches 265 lbs. and has an 18" neck.

That's it. If you have something of interest you want to see on these pages, be sure to let me know. ❖

# Southern Tip

by Cumbia Cop  
Harbor Division

## Greetings

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, 2004. Wow! Like the old cliché says, time sure flies by when you are having fun! All of us in Harbor Division would like to extend a warm holiday greeting to everyone out there. May all your Christmas wishes come true and may the New Year be a prosperous one for you.

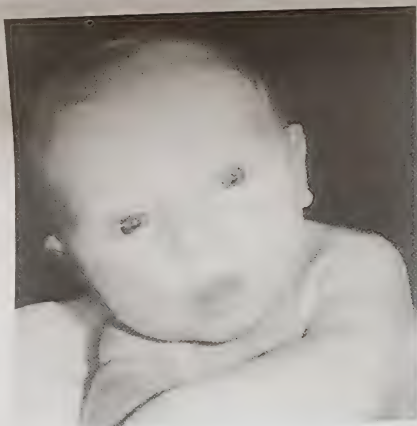
## Moving and Grooving

Transfer Order #12 has come and gone, with the results listed as follows: Incoming to the Harbor from 77th Division was Sgt. 1 **Mark Garcia**; in from Training Division was a "two-fer" with P-2s **Cris Faquir** and **Rebecca Gallegos**; and coming to us from West L.A. Division was **Rogelio Perez**. Outgoing from the Harbor to Communications Division was P-2 **Elbert Hughes**; outgoing to Central Traffic Division was brand new P-2 **Kenneth Colby**; and lastly, outgoing to Van Nuys Division was brand new P-2 **Bernard Romero**. Welcome to the incoming officers, farewell to the outgoing officers, and a pat on the back to all of you for a job well done.

## Proud Parents

Last issue we had a handful of officers that recently had arrivals of brand new babies into their families, which means we all had new arrivals, since we are all brothers and sisters in blue, yes? Here to make all the LAPD Aunties and Uncles beam with pride is a photo of the

newborn Brooke Ashley Maffei, baby girl of P-2 **Matt Maffei** (and Mama Tracy). Brooke was born on Sept. 1, 2003, at 8 lbs., 4 oz., and was 20 inches long. Congrats again to Matt and Tracy as they begin their wonderful journey of bringing up baby.



## Happy Holidays

With all the wonderful experiences the holidays can bring, let's not forget our brothers and sisters in law enforcement all around the world. Some of our fellow officers are still fighting a war in the Middle East, far from home and their loved ones. Some have given their lives in the name of liberty for this great country of ours. Let's do all we can to continue to support the families left behind, the young children and spouses, the parents, the grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, best friends, workmates, classmates. Truly, all of us have been touched in one way or another by the soldiers who sacrifice. May we never forget.

## In Closing

Let me slide in a quick thank you to the lovely ladies of the Harbor Lites, who once again showed their appreciation for police officers by setting up a grand luncheon in November at the Harbor Range Pittman Hall. The Harbor Division was served up a delicious variety of food and desserts, prepared by the Harbor Lites, and everyone walked away

with happy tummies. Thanks once again to the Harbor Lites.

Last, but not least, I hope you all had fun doing the Santa Mambo this year in the malls and shopping centers

where you live. And after you've double checked to be safe, be smart, be sound, and be sure, don't forget to keep on dancing. ❖

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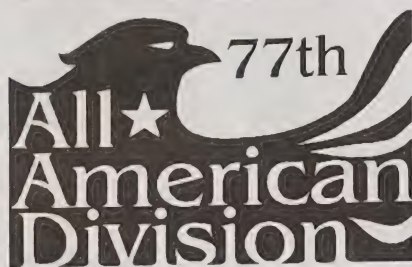


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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Maria C. Marquez  
The All American Division

### Time to Welcome in a Brand New Year

"Hold on now..." This is a saying that one of our 3+1s is famous for when the unbelievable happens, and how appropriate now, when another year has gone by so fast leaving us with hopefully some wonderful memories.

So many changes within 77th Street have occurred, quite frankly I don't know where to begin. So, a quick recap.



Sergeant II Pete Casey setting the example with W7 probationers.

No, let's change that recap word, since I don't believe in recap. Let's call it "quality of life issues" in the workplace.

Comm. **Jim Tatreau**, Capt. **Ken Garner** and Capt. **Ron Eutsey** have done their best to support 77th Street personnel. They continue to work towards making us one cohesive, crime fighting division, with the ultimate goal towards reducing crime.

Our specialized units have come together and continue to complement patrol's efforts in an attempt to address the high volume of "calls for service." 77th Division is known for leading the

city in calls for service, and with the help of these specialized units we also lead the city in having the quickest response time to high priority calls.

It is also not uncommon to find our commander, captains, lieutenants, and sergeant IIs out in the field rolling on calls and getting involved. After all, how can one be expected to understand those who work for them if they are not willing to get involved in our every task as officers? Nice approach! Take a bow, 77th Street Division for 2003!

### Thanksgiving at 77th Street

Since we cannot all be off for Thanksgiving, Sgt. II **Pete Casey** and crew made sure that this holiday came to the station. Over a hundred officers and family enjoyed a wonderful traditional

Thanksgiving dinner. And after dinner it was time to enjoy that wonderful after dinner cigar! Cuban, no doubt!

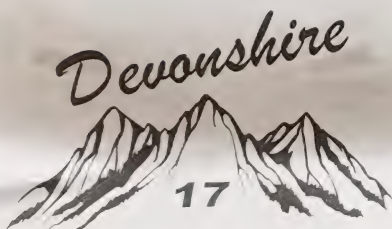
### We Will Always Remember

Five years ago on November 29, 1998, Officer **Brian Brown** made the ultimate sacrifice. Although assigned to Pacific Division at the time, he was our

### Police Officer III Brian Brown



Brian Brown Memorial Wreath.



by Sgt. Rudy Santos  
Devonshire Reporter

### A Tragic Loss for Devonshire

Wednesday, November 26, 2003, it was payday and also the day before Thanksgiving. While digging through the "S" section of the pay stub box in the Watch Commander's office, I stumbled onto the direct deposit slip of Officer **Israel Sanchez**. That's when it hit. What

kind of Thanksgiving would his family have? What Christmas would it be? Why did it happen?

On November 7, while racing into the station parking lot for the supervisor meeting, I had noticed the flag at half-staff. A sergeant in the parking lot broke the news to me. Inside the station there was a somber mood. Everyone was numb. Even those of us who didn't know Izzy that well, remembered his happy attitude. You couldn't help but notice him and how full of energy he was. He liked working with his close friend, Officer **Richard Moakley**. They worked the CLEAR Task Force before Izzy returned to patrol. When I ran into Izzy and his friend in the station gym, they could be seen putting in some brutal workouts. Izzy was in fantastic physical condition. You could see his determination in the workouts that he and his buddy did.

Then we all ask why? A sudden shot and an asset to our station, the community, and most important, his family, was gone. There was no reason that we could immediately think of for this tragic loss. No answers to us who seek clues in everything we deal with, as is the nature of our job. There was just a sudden and empty feeling at Devonshire.

As time passes, so does pain. Memories of a life that has passed will continue. The laughs, the close calls, the dangers on the streets, and the quiet moments with family are things that remain to continue Izzy's legacy. To those left behind, there are moments of sadness and of fond memories. Hope is

what comes from knowing that in another place and time you shall meet again. As for now, one thing is certain. No one is ever completely gone, as long as you remember them.

Officer **Israel Sanchez** was born on September 23, 1962, in Manhattan, New York. He joined the LAPD on September 2, 1997. He was a part of the Devonshire family. Officer Sanchez left behind his wife, Sandra, daughters Jazmine and Sara, son Zach, his mother Ramona, sisters Cathy and Lisa, brother Eric, grandson Eli, and granddaughter Zoe. All of us at Devonshire express our deepest condolences to his wife and children as well as the rest of the family.

Stay safe and angel blessings in 2004! ❖

### Cover Sunday

If you are ever visiting 77th Street on a Sunday and see patrol officers wearing their "covers" (hats) while working routine patrol, do not be alarmed! There has been no special order mandating it, we just do it out of respect for those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Sunday is a day of worship for communities nationwide. They pray and give thanks for their blessings. We wear our hats and remember those angels in blue who are with us always.

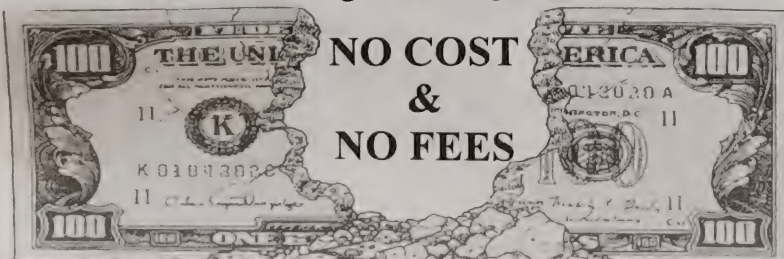
### 2004 Brings on Challenges

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by Thomas Mason  
West Valley Division

This past month I read an article in the *L.A. Times* regarding an elite unit of the Department. A staff member of the Department was quoted as saying that the unit is the top 10 percent of the Department. I have to say that the top percentage of sworn and civilian personnel in the Department are the men and women that work West Valley Area and the other remaining 17 geographical divisions. The elite units of this Department receive countless hours of tactical training and other training that definitely puts them at an advantage to what training patrol receives.

Patrol doesn't have the luxury of knowing what lies ahead. An officer shows up to roll call and if lucky, has the same partner. They then go out on patrol to deal with the most violent to most innocuous calls. Why are these officers the top percentage? A brush fire breaks out, an officer is suddenly in a smoke-filled area conducting evacuations, unable to breathe and see but goes forward with their job. An officer receives a radio call of a grand theft suspect and

moments after arrival an officer has to use deadly force to save a life. A family dispute that goes awry becomes tremendously emotional, or is the classic of parents who should not be parents, but the officer must make a crucial decision. The Area detectives that have a never-ending flow of PIRs, relentless victims, and the pressures of COMPSTAT to make a difference. These are the officers and detectives that when called upon will do whatever asked of them. The civilian employees who will not see additional resources and have to make due with whatever little they have. Sure some will whine, but most will charge ahead and get the job done. As a supervisor, I am grateful for having the top 10 percent working in and for West Valley.



Officer Franklin and Vargas await the next phone call... front desk warriors.

Usually a GTA arrest is nothing spectacular but in November an officer with nearly 30 years of patrol service was in patrol mode with a young police officer as his partner. As the officers were just getting out of second gear and topping 25 miles per hour, some knucklehead bad guy decided to pass the officers. The



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young police officer observed the vehicle and then meticulously entered the license plate of the passing vehicle into MDT and sent the information. It's unknown if the senior officer was aware of this, but moments later he was when the vehicle turned out to be stolen. A Code-37 vehicle, stolen, grand theft auto, the veteran officer had to sit up in the seat and accelerate well past his patrol speed to remain with the "hot" vehicle. The following announced by the younger officer was heard by the division as "10A33" followed the stolen vehicle. Several West Valley responded, not so much to see the following, but to see that it was actually "10A33." The following ended and the bad guys were apprehended. To the responding units it was true, 10A33 was the primary unit. Even the airship responded to make sure this wasn't a "Ripley's believe it or not."

Haunted trailer or module. Sleep deprivation is a hazard of working Watch III and sometimes a person will end up a little out of it but not hallucinating. As part of our advanced technology and security measures there are exterior security cam-

eras that are monitored in the Watch Commander's office. Anyway, I saw a supervisor with several years on morning watch point out something on one of the monitors to another superior as I passed by them. I didn't see anything on the monitor that was unusual. However, when the supervisor who was pointing at the monitor said, "Can't you see her?" I had to step forward. The supervisor began to describe the features of a female on the screen. It still appeared to me as the exterior shot of one of the trailers. We both looked at him as if he were one step away from a call to MEU. He insisted that a female ghost was in the picture and we were the ones who were cuckoo. At this point, an exorcism is unnecessary; this supervisor just needs a full night or day's sleep, and maybe a companion.

New station is expected to open in December, 2004, and I have been asked to take some pictures to memorialize our occupation of the trailers/modules. I will try to capture your best side and hopefully the final project will be something for you to cherish in the years to come. ❖

## What About Wilshire?

by "Helper"  
Wilshire Division

Happy New Year! Another year hath passed and another year hath cometh. May all fortunes that did not seek your way last year come this year. May all of the officers and supervisors who are out due to serious illness or injury make a speedy recovery and rejoin the ranks. May all of your families have a blessed year.

We recently had our Christmas party and I'm still awaiting photos from the event. For all of you that were there, be afraid, be very afraid. I never knew cops could dance so well. Yeah, right.

Wilshire has a new high speed, low drag unit that we like to refer to as the "Shadow Unit." These officers are in



F & R have been married 10 years civilly. They celebrated their anniversary with a large church wedding and receptions with their family and friends.

plain clothes 98 percent of the time, and they account for more robbery arrests in our recent history than any other specialized unit. However, with that also comes danger. Our Shadow Unit officers recently came under direct gunfire from a gang member while sitting on a street monitoring the area for vandalism and robberies. There was an exchange of

gunfire and the only one that was hit was the suspect. These officers displayed outstanding tactics and discipline. Job well done.

I am also asking that any officers that have commendable capers or know somebody that has had one, please forward that report or a brief summary of what happened. You can stay anonymous. We are also looking for a great artist that can design a new logo, so if you can draw or if you know somebody that can, then I want you to please contact me ASAP.

We would like to extend our condolences to the family of Officer Jim

Breslin. Jim's father recently passed away from natural causes on November 29. Jim's father was a veteran of the Armed Services and was buried at National Cemetery in Riverside County. Los Angeles Police Department officers were in attendance.

Our partner and friend, Chris Chavez, has returned to work from being IOD for nearly a year. It is great to have you back, Chris. We wish you and your family all the best of luck with the new adjustment of getting back to work again. If you or your loved ones need anything, please do not hesitate to ask. Welcome back! ❖

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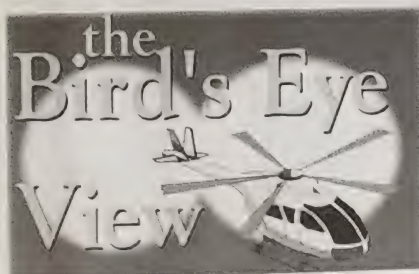
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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Jack H. Schonely  
Air Support Division

### New Pilots Receive Wings

Air Support Division has three new pilots that have completed training. Lt. **Rich Dyer**, Officer **Adam Greenburg**, and Officer **Butch Stowell** have all received their Command Pilot wings.



Lt. Rich Dyer.

After months of late night studying and hours of flying, all three trainees finally passed the FAA check ride followed by an ASD check ride with Chief Pilot **Don Reuser**. Family, friends, and ASD personnel

attended the wings ceremonies. Capt. **Runyen** presided over the events and presented the wings to each pilot. Deputy Chief **Mike Hillmann** spoke at each ceremony talking about the dedication required to accomplish the goal of



Adam Greenburg and Captain Tom Runyen.



Butch Stowell and Don Reuser.

becoming an LAPD pilot.

After an unexpected delay caused by an injury at the ASD picnic, Butch Stowell not only completed the required tasks but went a step further and became a Certified Flight Instructor. This requires two additional written tests and an additional FAA check ride. Congratulations Rich, Adam, and Butch.

### 2003 Chili Fly-In

On November 13, Air Support held the annual Chili Fly-In. This year's event was a great success. Air Traffic

Controllers from the Los Angeles area are invited to Hooper Heliport each year to thank them for their continued support. Numerous law enforcement agencies assisted us in transporting the controllers to our heliport to enjoy some chili and dessert. We had a couple hundred guests this year. That's a lot of chili.

This day is extremely busy for all of us. ASD personnel handle all of the different jobs including food preparation, cooking, transportation pilots, flight deck personnel, flight scheduling, and the tower. This team effort is amazing to watch. With over 200 takeoffs and landings over a 5-hour period, you can picture what a busy place Hooper Heliport becomes.

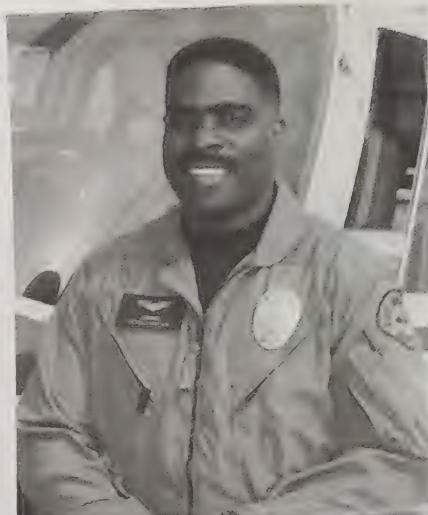
The most demanding job for the Chili Fly-In was taken on this year by TFO **Brian Shipstad**. Brian handled the fly-in coordination job that requires weeks of work leading up to the big day. Brian sent out the invitations, received the RSVPs, scheduled the first flights of the day, ordered all the food, completed special equipment requests, and did much of the food preparation the night before the fly-in. The success of this year's event directly reflects on the very hard work and organization on Brian Shipstad. Thanks, Brian, your work made us all look good that day.

### New Supervisors Arrive

After a very competitive process, two new supervisors are now at ASD. Sgt. **Wayne Debord** and Sgt. **Gary Holbrook** are now at Air Support and have started their training. They are currently going through Tactical Flight Officer training which will be followed by pilot training starting in January. Wayne and Gary both bring a great deal of field experience to all of us at ASD, and we are looking forward to working with them. Congratulations, gentlemen, and welcome to Air Support.

### ASD Tip of the Month

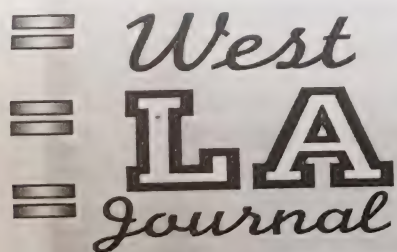
Recently officers from Southeast Division were ambushed inside



Our newest TFO Kevin Webb.

Nickerson Gardens. The suspects ran from the scene of the OIS as the help call went out. Some very alert officers responded quickly to the area. These officers didn't go directly to where the officers requesting were; they went to a location several blocks northeast of the OIS location. They had knowledge from previous experience where many of the local gang members run to. This quick thinking paid dividends and both of the suspects were taken into custody. This was some very good police work that resulted in the apprehension of two very dangerous suspects.

The point of this story is this: the one place where the suspect is not at is where the help call is. Of course, officers need to respond to the OIS scene to check on the well being of the officers involved, but not everyone. It is vital for responding officers to think a step ahead of the suspect and respond to a location to cut off their route of travel. If you have knowledge of a location where the suspect might be trying to get to, please inform the air unit ASAP. Remember that a suspect who has just fired rounds at officers is extremely desperate and is going to move very quickly out of the initial area. Always watch your six.



by Mary Dacey  
West LA Division

And the winner is...Det. **Jim Willis**! Yes, you heard it right. West L.A.'s own Det. Willis was the recipient of the "Area Hat Squad Detective of the Year" Award presented by Chief **William J. Bratton** during festivities on November 22, 2003. This was held at the Los Angeles Police Museum, which presented "A Night with Joe Friday: Tribute to



Detectives **Jim Willis** and **Jim Hays**. Detective Willis shown giving a "thumbs up" even though he hadn't yet been announced as the winner!

LAPD Detectives **Real and Reel**. Attendees included detectives, officers, civilians, celebrities, as well as members of the community. Det. Willis has a keen mind as well as the ability to get suspects to "cop out" to crimes and, in at least one case, to relate in such a way as to turn the suspect into an informer. This has allowed detectives and officers alike to become better enforcers of the law.



Cheri Windle.

Good job, **Jimmy**...y...y... Det. **Paul Bishop** autographed books along with **Joseph Wambaugh**, **Dallas Barnes**, **Steve Hodel**, **Keith Bushey** and **Steve Downing**. I, too, received an award as my design was selected for part of the new detective coin, and I praise God for this. Music, prizes and a great barbecue rounded out the evening. I have submitted a couple of photos as



Who are those guys? You tell me.

well as a photo of two of West L.A.'s crime-stopping Financial Detectives—**Hill & Manoogian**. More on them later as they became speechless upon having their pictures taken.

Well, by now Auld Lang Syne has been sung, new calendars have been posted, and 2004 has provided a new start for everyone. Let's hope for even bigger and better opportunities than last year.

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# VAN NUYS Happenings

by Lydia C. Grzelkowska  
Van Nuys Division

## Recent Events

Employee of the Quarter Awards for the third quarter of 2003 was announced at the Mid-Valley Community Police Council meeting on October 7 at Valley Presbyterian Hospital. The recipients were Officer **Kyle Campbell**, Det. **Jack Gray**, Sgt. **Loren Tiano** and Clerk Typist **Lorraine Juarez**. Congratulations!

To thank the officers and personnel of Van Nuys for their hard work and dedication, the members of the Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) and the Mid-Valley Community Police Council (MVCPC) held a barbecue luncheon with all the fixings for approximately



Van Nuys Captains.

300 troops. The luncheon was held on November 7 at the Van Nuys Station for Police Appreciation Day. Thanks CPAB and MVCPC!

## Copper Capers

On November 11, Officers **Isaac Moreno** and **Bryan Millner** received a radio call of an ADW suspect just left. The comments of the call indicated that the suspect was an Hispanic male wearing a black mask and black pants armed with a knife. The suspect entered the residence and threatened the P.R.'s family and was last seen jumping over the rear fence two minutes ago. Moreno and Millner arrived at the scene and put out a crime broadcast of the suspect information. The victim told officers that she was asleep in her bed and heard some kind of noise inside her house. The victim looked towards the end of her bed and observed an Hispanic male wearing a black ski mask and holding a large knife in each hand above his shoulders in a threatening way. The suspect mumbled something that sounded like, "I'm cold, I want food." The victim saw the opportunity to exit the room and asked the suspect to follow her. The suspect complied. The victim went into the kitchen and asked the suspect if he wanted to have something to eat. The victim then walked to the back door and lured the suspect outside. Once the suspect was outside, the victim ran back inside then closed and locked the door. The victim observed the suspect throw the knives into the grass and then jump over the wall. The victim called the police. Officers **Paul Williams** and **Miguel Jimenez** were in the surrounding area

looking for the described suspect. They observed a possible suspect matching the description walking down the driveway of one of the nearby residences. Williams and Jimenez detained an Hispanic male suspect who had a black ski mask in his left hand. The officers took the suspect into custody without incident. After a positive field show-up, the suspect was arrested for 459PC. The suspect was charged with six counts of residential burglary. Great job by the officers and the burglary detectives!

## Baby News

Congratulations are due to SLO **Jose Verdin** and his wife Maricela on the birth of his son, Jose Narciso Verdin who was born on September 22. Little Jose weighed in at 8 lbs., 1 oz. and was 21 inches long.



Jose Narciso Verdin.

Det. **Rick Yep** is going to be a daddy. His wife, Sommay is pregnant with their first child. Congrats!

The stork has been busy! Det. **Luis**

**Alarcon's** wife, Violeta, is expecting their first child in May of 2004. Way to go, Daddy-o!



Mystery Cop.

## Well Wishes

Officer **Bill Simonoff** is feeling a little bit better after being ill. Bill, the Van Nuys troops wish you a speedy recovery and a happy holiday season. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. All the best, Buddy!

## Van Nuys Comings-N-Goings

Coming in: Det. **C. Carlozzi**, #32629; PII **B. Romero**, #36287; PII **J. Diaz**, #36262; PII **J. Benkert**, #36251; PII **J. Park**, #33496; PII **A. Valencia**, #36292; PII **T. Ziemba**, #33095; PII **V. Gomez**, #36887; PII **O. Orellana**, #36908; PII **D. Rodriguez**, #36914; PII **B. Vradenburg**, #36413.

Leaving: Det. **I. J. Hammer**, #31730 (to DEV); Det. **I. B. Meda**, #27715 (to DSD); PIII **G. Madera**, #31743 (to CENT); PIII **P. Machuca**, #32102 (to RAMP); PII **L. Garcia**, #35726 (to CENT); PII **R. Huerta**, #36272 (to COMM); PII **F. Gonzalez**, #34704 (to DSD); PII **A. Ramirez**, #36286 (to HWD); PII **O. Bocanegra**, #36252 (to WVAL); PII **J. Wheeler**, #35748 (to WVAL).

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by Officer Mark L. Horton  
Recruitment Section

## Welcome

RED would like to extend a warm welcome to P-2 Officer **Hannah Lee**, #35314, who comes from Pacific Division, and P-3 Officer **Chris Porter** from Central Division.

## So Long, Farewell

So long to Officer **Angel Vega**, #31334, who left for Juvenile Division. Good luck in your future endeavors and we appreciate the sacrifices that you have made to serve our country.

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## What the...?

Here are some of the interesting questions that candidates are asking:

I am AWOL from the Army; will that affect my husband's chances of getting hired?

If you had attempted s\_x with an animal, can you still get hired?

## Happy Holidays

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### MILITARY LIAISON PROGRAM

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by Officer Dennis J. DeNoi  
Military Liaison Program

### "Show Me the Money"

There are problems and *there are problems*. However, when the problem involves money, it takes on a greater sense of urgency. I recently received a call from the wife of an officer that returned from long-term military duty and they were experiencing compounding pay issues. Considering the number of Department employees that have served on and returned from active military service since 9-11, there has been relatively a small number of payroll problems. That does not make the recipient of the occasional short or no-pay-check any happier. Since the conception of the Military Liaison Officer Program, I have assisted with about a half dozen pay issues that have risen to the level of requiring the issuance of an emergency check in order to relieve the financial hardship on the employee and their family. The aforementioned officer received an emergency paycheck and his pay status was corrected.

Admittedly, the procedures and systems to issue emergency checks have become more responsive, but still not necessarily user friendly. In all cases, the initial problem seemed to start as a breakdown in communications in the area of the employee's divisional time-keeping. I am not saying it is the time-keepers that are to blame, but rather it is primarily a communication issue at the employee/timekeeper level. *All employees that are departing, returning or changing pay status, must properly and clearly communicate their current pay status to their divisional timekeeper and follow up to ensure the changes have been made.* The city's payroll system is dependent on the divisional timekeeper

reporting the employee's proper pay status to Fiscal Operations Division, in a timely manner. In order to reduce your chances of experiencing a negative pay situation, accurately report your changing duty status to your timekeeper. In addition, when possible, it is recommended to give courtesy calls to Personnel Division (Vickie Wong, 213-485-5245), Fiscal Operations Division (Tracie Mathis, 213-978-6696), and the Military Liaison Officer, alerting them of your changing status.

### Veterans Affairs, GI Bill, Education Benefits!

Since this month's article started out talking about money, I am pleased to report that the long-running issue of failing to receive GI Bill, on-the-job training money from the Department of Veterans Affairs was finally resolved. Anyone that has attempted to apply for a Veteran's Affairs, GI Bill, Education Benefits during the academy and while on probation knows how difficult it has been to process the documentation. Officer **Randall Marsh** recently brought this issue to my attention. Officer Marsh was one of the few that was successful in obtaining his GI Bill education benefits and even assisted others in doing so. This has been an ongoing problem that has taken several twists and turns before we were able to get to the bottom of the issue. After talking with Officer Marsh, I addressed the issue with Capt. **Sergio Diaz**, the Acting Commanding Officer at Training Group. With the leadership and guidance of Capt. Diaz, the Recruit Coordination Training Unit (under the direction of Sgt. **Richard Laguna**) agreed that this issue must be settled once and for all. After numerous calls to various levels of the Department of Veteran's Affairs and conversations with Training Division staff, a meeting was scheduled with the regional Veteran's Affairs representative for Educational Services in the Los Angeles area. All the old issues were cleared up and a class was given on the proper way to fill out and submit the applications for benefits. If you are an honorably discharged veteran and signed up for GI educational benefits while in the armed forces, you may qualify for financial benefits for "on-the-job training" during the academy and throughout probation. To apply, you should complete out and submit your application during the first month of the academy or as soon as possible thereafter. The following forms must be submitted: an Application for Education Benefits (VA Form 22-1990 or 22-1995), an Enrollment Certification (VA Form 22-1999), a copy of the Veteran's Training Agreement (DAS Form 1(a) or 152), and a copy of your Honorable

Discharge DD-214. The forms can be obtained at the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center, Recruit Coordination Training Unit. In addition, the Recruit Coordination Training Unit staff must submit the properly completed application package to the VA for you. Once approved by Veteran's Affairs, the police officer trainee will receive payments each month upon the submission of the previous month's Monthly Work Verification Form (VA Form 22-6553d-1). The Monthly Work Verification Form must be reviewed and signed by VA authorized, Department employees who are assigned to the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center, Recruit Coordination Training Unit, or myself. A copy of your Department time book must accompany the Monthly Work Verification form to be verified and placed on file for five years. Additionally, the VA will approve retroactive pay up to a full year from the date your application is approved. However, you must have copies of each month's Department time book to request retroactive pay. If you were unable to submit your request for VA education benefits in the past, contact the Recruit Coordination Training Unit for assistance and to arrange a time to fill out and submit your request. You have earned this valuable benefit. Be willing to do your part and please be patient during the process.

### Department Vacation Time Compensation UPDATE!

The Los Angeles Police Protective League and the city/Department have agreed upon an equitable solution to the excess vacation issue. In the past, some employees serving on long-term military leave acquired more than the maximum allowable number of vacation hours per Memorandum of Understanding Article 7.1B and lost those hours to the Catastrophic Illness time bank. Chief of Support Services, Employee Relations Administrator, Notice 2.1, dated November 17, 2003, outlines the new policy pertaining to this issue and includes a "Proof of Service" statement. All employees entering extended military leave must read and sign this Proof of Service statement. The Proof of Service statement will then be filed in your Divisional Personnel Package. In addition, if you choose to sell your vacation time, you must submit a 15.7 to the Commanding Officer, Fiscal Operations Division, *prior* to the start of military leave. This 15.7 will request cash payment for a portion, or for all accrued vacation leave. This 15.7 will request cash payment for a portion or for all accrued vacation time, including the proportionate part of the vacation time accrued during the year the leave is granted. This is a one-time opportunity to handle this issue in the employee's favor. In addition to this new policy dealing with future long-term military service, there is a grandfather provision that will allow

those currently on military leave of absence to apply for the cash payment of vacation time to include time previously forfeited. *However, there is a deadline of March 1, 2004, to request this cash settlement under the grandfather provision.* If you fall into this category, and the Department has not officially notified you, immediately contact your division's adjutant, the Military Liaison Officer or Tim Sands at the Protective League, to obtain the above Proof of Service form and to arrange the settlement of your vacation bank.

### Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

On a lighter note, I received a call from Chief **Bratton** prior to the start of the holiday season. He and Mrs. Bratton wanted to send a holiday message and a symbolic gift to all our employees serving on active military service away from friends and loved ones during this time of celebration and reflection. Due to the military overseas mailing deadlines, restrictions, and the lack of a solid military address database (see below), it was decided the best way to accomplish this heart-felt mission was to redirect the message to the family members of our employees. Going into high gear, the head of the Department's Video Unit, **Larry Fugate**, arranged the taping of the Chief and Mrs. Bratton's holiday message. Personnel Division provided the addresses and assisted with the mailing. The President of the Los Angeles Police Foundation, Mrs. Karen Wagener, provided funding for high quality "Blue Star" service banners for each family, and the Vanguard Company provided the banners at cost. This entire process was done under the watchful eye of Sgt. **Kathryn Weigel** and Officer **Kristi Sandoval** of the Public Information Office. If you were on active military duty between the timeframe of mid November, 2003, and January, 2004, and your family did not receive the Chief's video holiday message and gift, *please* contact me and we will ensure they are sent out right away. On behalf of the Los Angeles Police Department family, we wish you and your loved ones a happy and safe new year. Semper Fi, DJD.

### Attention to Orders

It is requested that each employee currently on active military duty or those anticipating activation provide the Military Liaison Officer with your current home of record address and current military (FPO) mailing address. It is further requested that you keep these addresses updated as necessary. The Military Liaison Officer needs this information to better serve you, as the Department increasingly turns to the Military Liaison Officer program to communicate with our employees serving on active duty. You or your family member can provide this information to me via phone, fax, mail or e-mail. ❖

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# PRDeez Notes

by Adam N. Broderick  
Planning and Research Division

## H & G's (Hi's and Goodbyes)

Happy New Year, everyone! The wheels of change are constantly turning and 2004 brings with it new challenges. Let's meet them head on and make this a great one.

Recently promoted **Ben Warren** nabbed a Sgt. II spot at the Bradbury Building in D.P. 12. Not a bad deal considering it's only a block away. Mimi's Café is still in walking distance.

Recent arrivals to PRD are Officers **Joe Ward, Dave Mejia, Sofie Lee, Alan Gilmer, Troy Collins** and **Tom O'Brien**. Returning after several years away is Senior Clerk Typist **Ruby Lopez**. Just in time for the holidays, too.

## Other Stuff

Fundraisers were in effect for D.P. 12, first a tamale/bake sale, then a tuna/tip barbecue. The funds went to a great cause, lowering the ticket price of our holiday party, or as they say in Boston, a pahty.

And speaking of Boston, did you know there are actually guides available to translate "Boston" English. Next time you see a Code 20 video, you can show your support by referring to it as "wicked good" info.

The sergeant exam is behind us by this printing. The cramming was fierce and the stress levels were high, but it's behind us now. Whew! If past success stories tell us anything, it's that we have great odds of passing. Now it's tick-tock, tick-tock, wait by the mailbox. (Does that rhyme?)

Check this out: On a recent fishing trip to Guadalupe Island, Capt. **Merritt's** wife, Jeanne, broke the WORLD record for the largest yellow-tail ever caught with a 60 lb. line. Her 57.3-lb. catch bested the old record by over eight pounds! And what about the captain, you may wonder? His best catch during the ten-day trip was a measly 20 pounds. Score this one girls 1, boys 0.



## Gracias

PRD-West would like to thank all those people who took the time in helping us prepare for the recent sergeant exam. A special thanks goes to Audit Division's dynamic duo of Sgts. **Jeff "The Professor" Bert** and **Dave "O'Canada" DeMarco**. Did all the talks of passion, perspective and ethics help on test day? We will know soon.

## Mysteries Revealed

Policy versus procedure. These are two very distinct terms that we often mistakenly use interchangeably. Policy can be thought of as general guidelines, whereas procedure instructs us in how to do something to achieve specific objectives. For the complete definition, pick up a Department manual and look in Volume 1. There's some good reading in that big book.

## Recruitment Drive

Stop whatever it is you are doing right now and listen to me for a moment. Having weekends off *does not* grow old. Call us now. Did you hear me? I don't hear the phone ringing yet. Pick up your phone and call (213) 485-2633. Oh, and don't call on the weekends—we're off.

Until next time...C-ya. ❖



by Jeff Ingalls  
Hollywood Division



Mia Christina Toledo.

Sorry we haven't been around for a while, but we're back now. So many things have happened since our last article so I'll try to touch on the important things. First we would like to say goodbye to those who left our wonderful division. Good luck to Lt. **Diaz** in Pacific, Officer **Fox** in Central, Officer **Butler** in Foothill, Officer **Bernal** in Northeast, Officer **Lewis** in Pacific, and Officer **McBride** in Wilshire. We also want to welcome Officers **Aranda, Chavez, Johnson, Ramirez, Solis, Sanchez, Costa, Gerritsen** and **Jordan** to Hollywood. Stand by, if you haven't worked here before, you'll probably find

this division interesting.

Next we should take a moment to remember the high speed, low drag, CCAD Unit. They didn't survive the holiday season. If you would, a moment of silence please. Okay, that's good. Now back to some exciting news.

Hollywood is embracing the new district policing configuration and running like a well-oiled machine. The officers are working harder than ever and the watch commanders for each district are a lot more pleasant now that they're getting out of the office during their watch.

On an even happier note, 31-year veteran Det. **Floyd Toledo** has always celebrated July 4th as the birth of this great nation. Now he and his wife, Christina, will be celebrating that date as the birth of their daughter also. Mia Christina was born at 0700 hours, weighed 6 lbs., 2 oz., and was 18 inches in length at the Northridge Hospital.

After enjoying his long bonding leave, will he come back to work and be retrained? Or does being a "stay-at-home" dad sound kinda good right now? Either way, we wish the family the best of luck.

Until the next article, stay safe and always wear your vest.

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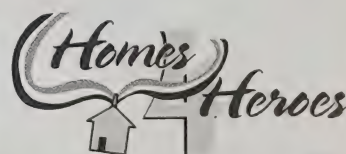


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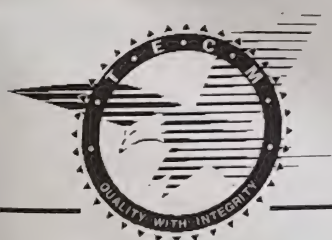
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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER

### The Secret Is Out On OCVD

by Officer D'Angelo  
OCVD Divisional Report

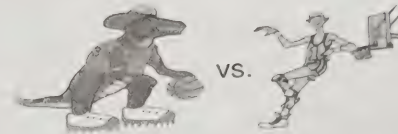


#### OCVD Basketball

The stage was set. The sequel to Jurassic Park, Jurassic Basketball OCVD style was ready to premiere. The

anticipation, the suspense, was so thick you could cut it with a stone. In strode the meat-eaters from a time past. Lt. Mike "The General" Felix, Det. Steve "Cool Hand" Takeshita, Det. Lou "The Collector" Kelsey, Sgt. Ralph "Rodman" Ramirez, Det. Yo "Foots" Ikuta, Victor "Roberto Duran" Salguero, and Det. Frank "Hank" Lipus were hungry and ready to hunt.

The youngest player on the OCVD roster was 33 years old flanked by four other players over 50 years old. The oldest player on the opposing team was 33 years old. Similar to the classic tale of "The Tortoise and the Hare," youth prevailed in the first half of the game by leading 24 to 12. To add to the drama,



"Cool Hand" had to leave at halftime.

The seasoned veteran team did not panic, but in typical OCVD fashion mounted experience and determination and rode toward destiny. Game plan adjustments were made and executed that resulted in the Jurassic team stealthily sneaking up and landing in striking distance. Five points down with a minute and twenty to go. "The General" hit a three-pointer, and in the spirit of Ali vs. Foreman came off the ropes and began to flurry ferociously. The result was a 36-36 tie game with 8.3 seconds left on the clock as Foots stepped to the free throw line, glanced over at the

coach, took a bounce, and lofted a free throw that landed squarely in the net like a stone on Goliath's forehead, 37-36.

Stunned SCUB (I don't know what the acronym stands for) called a timeout. The Jurassics huddled and hoped that an asteroid would not hit the planet. The whistle blew. The timeout was over. SCUB drove to the basket and shot the ball, but "Rodman" Ramirez took flight like a pterodactyl and smacked the shot away. SCUB, desperately fighting to stay alive, retrieved the basketball and hoisted a desperation shot that sat on the rim and contemplated the cruelty of falling in but chose instead to be cradled in the arms of "The Collector" as the clock ran out. The buzzer sounded heralding the return of the Jurassic period. Dinosaurs still rule the earth, they just wear basketball shorts.

-Eric "Coach Leon" Moore

## Northeast corner

by Susan Carrasco  
Northeast Division

#### Happy New Year!

Here we are facing another new year. They all seem to come and go so quickly. I hope everyone had a joyous holiday. The Northeast holiday party was an outstanding one this year. Sally Jo put together a very festive occasion. Thank you, Sally Jo, for all of your hard work and dedication to our holiday party. I must say the Gang Unit finally got it together and shared the raffle winnings. (They were also very well behaved!) The room was packed, the food was great and everyone looked marvelous! I was very amazed to see how well many of our officers dance. I know some of you must have taken dance classes, and if not, can you teach a few of us? We can

organize a new dance studio in the gym. Any volunteer instructors?

#### Commendable Caper

The east Hollywood area has historically been a crime-ridden area with the largest number of grand theft autos and burglary from motor vehicles. On November 3, 2003, Officers Gina Ghovan and Matt Brayman took matters into their own hands. They were on patrol and responded to a call of a possible stolen vehicle in the 1300 block of Talmadge Avenue. While en route to the call location, the officers observed a black Mercedes sedan that matched the description of the stolen car. The officers saw a man standing next to the car, and it appeared that he was trying to unlock the doors. The officers stopped to investigate, and a check of the vehicle's VIN revealed that the car was stolen.

The man taken into custody was advised of his rights and cooperated with the officers' investigation. He told the officers who had stolen the car originally and advised that that individual was home. The officers decided to conduct a follow-up investigation and called for additional units. Officers Lenny Davis, Cesar Rodriguez, and Sgt. Pascual arrived and assisted the unit. A relative led them to where the sleeping

suspect was inside of a residence. He was taken into custody without incident. Outstanding interview techniques led to a full confession by the suspect. While processing the suspect for booking, the officers recovered narcotics as well.

The officers are to be commended for their keen observational skills, interview techniques, and overall commitment to improving the quality of life for the residents of Los Angeles.

#### Coming and Going

Coming from Jail Division is Sgt. Russell, and Sgt. Wich is coming from North Hollywood. Officers Bernal, Rios, and Jacinto from Hollywood are coming from Hollywood. Officers Bello and Ramirez are from Southwest. Officer Gonzales, Officer Prodigalidad and Officer Williams are from 77th Division, Officer Barach from West Valley, Officer Giberson from Foothill, Officer McMillan from West L.A., and Officer Trevino from Southeast. Additionally, from training are Officers Inouye, Griego and Grimmer. Welcome to all of you!

We love seeing new faces in our division, really dislike seeing others leave us. Yet during our career paths we all must move on at sometime. Sgt. Walker has had such a wonderful time working

with the SLOs and completing all the wonderful administrative tasks at hand. We are very sorry to see him go. I am sure North Hollywood can find a lot of administrative work that he will be happy to get his hands on. (Just kidding, Sarge. You need the break!) Det. Diaz is leaving to go to the rough and tough streets of 77th. Good luck! Officer Ortega is leaving us for Central Division. Why? What the heck are you thinking? Officer Asuncion is off to play police in the great Southwest. Continuing on as P-2 Dawgs is Officer Pastora in Van Nuys, Officer Perez in Pacific, and Officer Rodriguez in Central (anyone can make probation these days). Just kidding. Good luck to all of you.

Also a special goodbye. Everyone knows her as the sweetest of all officers at Northeast. Sweet Sandra Escalante has moved on to continue her career as a Public Information Officer. She now has the power to speak to everyone on the local broadcasting network and voice her sweet thoughts. Sandra is only steps away from the Chief's office and I am sure it's only a matter of time before she shares her sweet thoughts with all of the sixth floor. Have a great time, Sandra. Northeast is not the same without you (just a little more quiet).



by Fitzsimmons  
Rampart Division

#### Outs

Another batch of coppers are leavin' the castle: Sgt. Mark Jomini is back to Foothill; P3 Jimmy Chong is out to Community Relations; P3 Dave Mejia joins Dino over at PRD; P3 Jose Leyba leaves to Recruitment. P1s Noah Nichols and Alejandro Valencia slipped through the cracks and passed probation. They're wheelin' out to the Valley. At least they had a year of crime fighting to talk about. P2 James "Can't" Park goes running straight back to the Valley! Even though you guys got new friends, don't forget where you came from!

#### Stripes

The P3 ad went out and dozens of P2 dawgs answered the call to join the ranks of T.O.s at Rampart. Newly promoted

P3s Iris Santin, Eddie Acosta and Jorge Trejo threw in their dawg tags and put on their new stripes. Remember, guys, it's not the power on the sleeve, it's the power in the sleeve! Congrats, guys! Now go train those boots how to hook and book!

#### Oh, Baby! Oh, Baby!

Congrats to Sgt. Kieth Moreland. He's the proud daddy of not one but two new twin babies: Hana Noel and Tanner Patrick. Mom, Kathy, is doing well. Big sister Devon and brother Steven are as happy as can be. Hey, Sarge, I heard Wal-Mart is having a sale on Huggies. Go get some!

#### Runnin' and Gunnin'

P2 Jason Abner, P3 Iris Santin, P3 Ernie "Big Ern" Ignacio and P3 Eric Rogers set up an O/P in an alley off of Vendome and took down a knucklehead with a Tec-9 and a revolver. P3 Todd Turner and P2 Brent "Sugar Ray" Phillips pursued a possible DUI driver who ended up tossing a Tec-9 and a .357 magnum out of his driver window. Good broadcast by Brent even with a bad case of tonsillitis! P2 Eric "Hui" Bruner and P2 Mike Chang walked up on a Rockwood gangster who tossed a .45 auto across Union Drive. P3 Brandon Purece, P3 Matt Zeigler and P2 Romeo Tamparong took out a meth dealer with a strap. The infamous cycle

duo of P2 Danny Cota and P2 Chris Andrade rode up on a South Central gangster packin' steel in his waistband. P2 Pete "Hadji" Abskharon, P2 Jose Sanchez, P3 Kim Cisco and P2 Miguel Dominguez O/P a Burlington Loco gangster load his revolver and then took 'em down. Rampart coppers book your guns and give ya' 3 hots and a cot!

#### IOD

We've got a few coppers nursing an injury and no longer down for the count: P2 Martin Franco had a successful surgery and is on the road to recovery. We've got you in our thoughts, Bro! Lt. Greg Baltad is back to work and feeling better. P2 Oscar Duenas is still limping around. P3 Ralph Mendoza has an achin' back. P2 Fernando Prieto will be back to runnin' soon.

#### Staying Ready

Rampart recently held a training day for personnel who work in a plain clothes capacity as a part of their duty assignment. It's been years, but over 50 coppers came together and received training from the departmental Tactics Unit. SLO Mike Wang put together a day packed full of training scenarios with the assistance of all Rampart SLOs. Coppers shot moving targets, close contact and trained in drawing from off duty and concealed duty holsters. Paintballs were used to simulate firefights. Sgt.

Jeff "Nancy" Wenninger is still running for cover from the onslaught of rounds shot at him by his own unit! SLO Lou Ford cooked up some chicken and hot links for the troops at EOW...after he finally found some matches! Special



thanks to Capt. Beck for a training day that sharpened skills and tactics.

#### Tactic Tip

Coppers react to given situations through training and experience. A fundamental tactic taught since the get-go has been to watch the hands of a knucklehead...the hands are what will kill you. Whether it be a ped stop, traffic stop, or radio call, control the hands of your suspect so he doesn't get the upper hand on you.

Special thanks to Sgt. Joe Sanchez for always stressing tactics in his roll calls.



# First to Know, Last to Go!

Department Command Post  
& Communications Div.

by Lt. Chuck Mealey  
Communications Division and the  
Department Command Post

## Welcome Home

Sgt. II **Matt Mulvihill** returned from Iraq the first part of September. He transferred to ICSB and currently works the GEOFILE unit. Although he is not working directly for Communications Division, we are glad to see him back at LAPD.

Officer **Elbert Hughes** (Department Command Post) recently returned to LAPD after serving his country. He was assigned to active military duty on February 14 (just prior to the start of the

war) and worked flight operations for "Operation Iraqi Freedom" out of March Air Force Base. He traveled to numerous countries, including Iraq during his assignment. We are glad to have him back at Communications Division safe and sound.

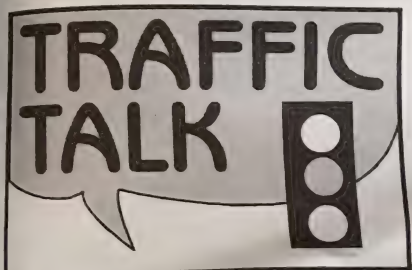
## What Does it Mean?

Have you seen the art project next to the Metropolitan Communications Dispatch Center? We generally say it is our "antennae farm" where we grow antennas for the radio system. Well there is an actual meaning to the art project called "In the Eye of the Storm," which was built by public artist B. J. Krivanek and public designer Joel Breau. The art area is meant to symbolize the process and human dimensions of the 9-1-1 system and includes the following elements:

Origins/dilemmas - caller location codes and police incident codes are inscribed on the plaza ground; The Vortex - a seemingly chaotic array of

elliptical columns with dark polished surfaces to reflect the city in a malevolent manner; The Connection - a glass cylinder, with inscriptions suggesting the interface between an operator and the community resources via technology; Outcomes - words inscribed on the outer wall, which suggest the police department's role as a community resource.

The interactive space in The Connection symbolizes that fragile moment when the person in distress calls the 9-1-1 system to make an empathic yet anonymous connection.



by Baca  
South Traffic Division

## Too Tall

Motor Officer **Rick Roberts** is too tall! No, seriously that's his nickname. Rick is the tallest motor cop working South Traffic Division. No, wait he is also the tallest motor cop on the Department. Okay, I have just been informed that Rick is the tallest policeman in LAPD history to ride a motor. "Too Tall" stands six feet ten inches in altitude. I recently asked him where he got the nickname. "Back in 1974 I was working 77th and a Sgt. Neimeyer, aka 'Frosty' tagged me with that name." Rick joined the Department in 1971 and completed motor school in 1988, the year Motor School was officially transferred from Terminal Island to Ontario Airport. While on duty in San Pedro, January of 1997 he was seriously injured in a traffic collision. Rick suffered a broken hip and other broken bones. No one ever believed he would ever return to work, let alone ever ride a motor again. We were wrong. After 33 years on the job and 15 of those years on motors, Rick has no intentions of retiring. Too tall said, "I like my job. I'm not leaving for at least another two years."



Rick "Too Tall" Roberts 33-year veteran.

## No Surprise!

Officer of the Quarter is P-2+2 **Eddie Martinez**. Recognized for his strong work ethic and dedication to professionalism, Eddie "The Kid" Martinez grew up in Harbor Division and attended school in Long Beach, Calif. Eddie as a young boy knew that he was going to be an LAPD officer. His father was an LAPD officer for 25 years. Shortly after joining the Department, he transferred to STD, where his father had worked for many years. Not long after that, he became interested in becoming a motor officer. After graduating from Motor School in 2000, he made his way back to STD. We are very fortunate to have him here. Eddie's friendly demeanor and positive attitude make him a valuable friend and partner.

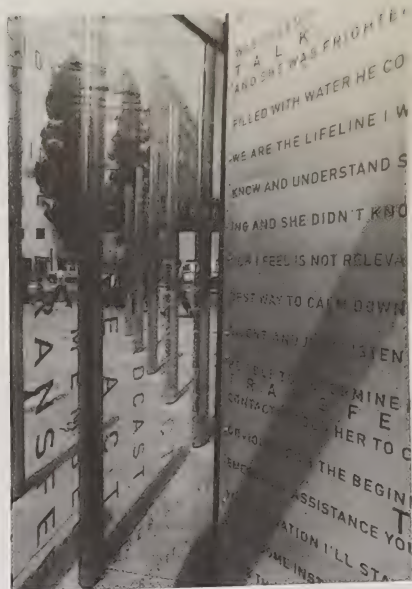
## Civilian of the Quarter

We are very fortunate to have a full

house of hard working employees. Determining this quarter's civilian was not easy. Clerk Typist **Carolyn Rivers** was selected for her dedication and outstanding hard work. Carolyn is assigned to the STD Detectives follow-up unit. On many occasions she would be the only clerk in the unit and managed to handle every task single-handed. From answering the phone to pushing through piles of paperwork, Carolyn maintained a professional attitude. Congratulations!

## Old Story

Motorcycle motor oil runs deep in our veins here at STD. Although sometimes it puddles up under our Harleys, but not this Sunday morning in May. Thunder roared out of L.A. We rounded up about 20 riders. Officers and friends of officers. Leading the pack were Motor Officers **Jerome Calhoun** and **Ben Zucker**. Amongst the other easy-riders were **Kevin Cotter** and **Kevin Scott**.



People on either side of the panel (the area that looks like a revolving turnstile entrance at the department store) can talk to each other and cooperatively interact and revolve the panel but not see each other. Now you know...



Left to right. Kevin Scott, Ben Zucker, Francine Spada, Jerome Calhoun.

First stop was at the popular Sagebrush Cantina in Calabasas. After a bite to eat, we rolled out to the first annual Menudo Bike Run at Whiteman Airport's Rock's Café (around the corner from Foothill Div.) Ben Zucker entered the raffle and took home a boxed set of DVD movies. The total odometer reading for the day was about 120 miles. Next year's rides are being planned now. If you would like to join us on future motorcycle rides, contact me or Jerome Calhoun.

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## DIVISIONAL REPORTER



### "First in-Last Out"

by Bill Young  
Incident Command Post Unit

Greetings from the crew at the ICPU. There is a new face in our office. Det. **Paul Miller** has taken over the helm from **St. Ted Reyland**, who is now our Divisional Training Coordinator. For those of you who do not know Paul, his background in emergency management is impressive. He served in Planning and Research Division and was instrumental in bringing the Incident Command System to the Department several years ago. Paul also worked in the Department Operations Center and is well known for his knowledge in the ICS field.

### New Personnel

Our section recently received several new personnel to enhance a newly developed Incident Management Team. Basically, these officers will initially respond to command post deployments and organize the incident management under the Incident Command System.

### Training

November started with an equipment exercise at fire station 28 in Porter Ranch. The fire station has been designated as a

site to set up an Alternate Emergency Operations Center (AEOC) and deploy the Alternate Department Operations Center (ADOC) command post trailer. Basically, the fire trucks are moved out of the station and replaced by tables, chairs, computers and telephones for the EOC. The ADOC is parked outside the fire station. The trailer is configured with a wireless microwave system allowing communications from laptop computers to other city entities in the event of the EOC and DOC failure on P-4 level of City Hall. Information Technology Agency maintains active phone lines at the fire station for the AEOC and ADOC.

We then participated in a joint deployment/exercise with ITA and our section's new personnel at Dodger Stadium. We deployed all our toys and trained our new personnel. ITA connected all the communications equipment and trained personnel from their side.

An ICPU training day followed the next week with the officers of the unit deploying equipment and running through setups and scenarios.

### Callouts

October was a busy month and included deployment to Devonshire as the fires threatened Chatsworth/Porter Ranch area. We supplied our new command post vehicle and the canteen. Additionally, we used our city credit cards to purchase dust masks and goggles for the officers assigned to fire related duties. October ended with the annual Hollywood Halloween event, where we deployed command post vehicles in three sectors and supported the main command post at Hollywood Station.

feet, while he was hunting and landed on his chest, stopping his heart, which caused him to pass away at the young



Falco funeral.

age of 44 years old. All of us at Foothill were friends with him, and we all felt the pain throughout the station. This was a tragedy to all of us, knowing how Tim was, in top shape and had lots of energy, always on the go and helping everyone. These are some of the deeds he did for his friends and the needy.

1. He would help officers study for

November started with a callout to a major wreck at the end of a CIIP pursuit in Hollenbeck. We supplied a light trailer and coffee to weary officers investigating the scene.

Only days later we were called out again to Burbank to provide a command post and canteen at the scene of the fatal shooting of Burbank Officer, Matthew Pavelka.

The following day we deployed a command post vehicle and portable restroom to OSB at the Shrine Auditorium for the American Music Awards, followed two days later by a callout for lighting at the scene of a fatal traffic (ped. vs. veh.) in Foothill Division.

### Unusual Occurrence Time Cards

U.O. time cards are a very necessary and important form at any incident that may qualify for personnel reimbursement expenses by the government. That being said, it is probably one of the most inaccurately completed forms. At a U.O., the cards are collected and entered on a computerized system, which goes directly to Fiscal Operations Division. That is where your payroll comes from, so I think you get what I am saying. They need to be accurate and legible.

The errors most commonly occur in the date/time boxes. The date/time originally on duty should reflect your regular start of watch if you are on a workday or the time you reported to work if you were called in. The next line, date/time assigned to U.O. should reflect the actual time you were assigned to the incident. The next line, date/time released from U.O. is when your supervisor releases you to return to normal duties or go EOW. The following line, Total U.O. hours, is the actual amount of time you were assigned to the incident, including any O/T. The U.O. O/T box should only include overtime spent at the U.O. That

promotions and mentor them in their daily lives.

2. If he saw you hurting physically or mentally, he would stop everything he was doing to make sure you were okay.

3. He would help his community, by helping them move to locations, remove unwanted activity in their neighborhoods, clean up the area. Tim believed Mission Hills was his extended family. Tim was always on top of the problems in that area.

4. Tim would arrest the problem individual in the area, and he would also feed, find shelter and medical treatment for the homeless in his area. When illegal activity occurred in Tim's area, the homeless would contact him to solve the problem.

5. Tim took a kid to a Dodger game. Their seats were located in the front behind home plate. The reason why he took him is that he was a Dodger fan and a good kid. "I just want to give him a lifetime experience he will never forget."

The greatest joy Tim had was service to others, telling stories and making people laugh. We lost a great guy, friend and officer. Several SLOs from Foothill Division flew out to New York to be with the family during their great loss of Tim. There were over 27 different police departments from the state of New York to honor a fellow brother officer. I met a supervisor from Yonkers named Babe who stated, "Tim loved being an officer because he did it from the heart, he cared about people. If you do it for any other reason, you will never become a great cop like Tim."

I would like to thank all of the officers

would be any time from your regular EOW to when you were actually released from the U.O. Of course, if you were called in on a day off, everything is O/T.

The form will go through changes in the near future to include officers' work schedule (5/40-9/80-3/12) and U.O. Assignment (i.e., perimeter, evacuation, etc.). Until that occurs, include that information in the NOTES section on the front of the card. Make sure the card is completed in full with legible print, and that your supervisor at the scene signs the name of supervisor releasing from U.O. duty line.

### Publications

We have a limited supply of color notebook dividers that display all of our equipment, what we can do for you and how to contact us during regular and off business hours. To obtain dividers, contact Officer **Greg Owens** at (213) 485-2901. There was also a code 20 video released several months ago that outlined our unit, equipment and how to request equipment. If you have not seen the video, check with your watch commander, or the Department Video Unit at 485-4008. We will be making code 20 videos in the future on related items (U.O. cards, ICS, etc.). If any of you have special requests, let us know.

### Military Property Acquisition Team

Any officer still in possession of an M-17 Gas Mask needs to contact Officer **Robert Neville**, 485-8563. These gas masks need to be returned, filters removed, to the MPAT warehouse at Supply Division, Piper Technical building, space #212, ASAP.

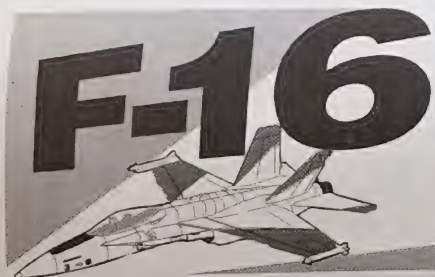
Until next time, be safe, and don't hesitate to call us if you need us. Our officer is (213) 485-2901, or the Department Command Post is (213) 978-6500. ♦

from Mamaroneck Village Police Department and the surrounding agencies who came out and assisted the Falco family. These officers took us around New York City, ground zero, Times Square, Grand Central Station, and treated us like royalty. Thanks, all who helped us.

All officers and detectives collected money for Tim's flowers sent to New York and memorial services here in Mission Hills. These officers also collected money to pay for officers' airfare to New York to represent LAPD Foothill Division officers. Officers at Foothill Division always step up to help when an officer needs help at work or at home. Foothill officers again are outstanding men and women with a big heart. Thanks again for caring.

Commendation goes out to SLO **Michelle Rodriguez** for her hard work in helping the Falco family in arranging the memorial service here at the San Fernando Mission church. She obtained the priest, singer, fly-over, and bagpipes, escort from Valley Traffic, and any other detail to help the family. Great job. Other thanks goes out to Foothill CRO for their help in obtaining reception location, drinks and food.

All his family loved Tim, friends and all the officers he worked with. There were over 1,500 in attendance at his service, and judging a man's wealth by his friends, Tim was a very rich man. He was loved by all. He will truly be missed. ♦



by Julian Almaraz  
Foothill Division

### Foothill Patrol

This last month was a tough one. We lost several officers from our police family. The hardest one was the loss of Senior Lead Officer **Tim Falco**, who just recently transferred over to Labor Relations. Tim was back in New York, in the Mamaroneck Village where he grew up. He fell out of a tree 20 to 30



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# SPORTS BEAT

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## Piazza's Peddlers Fourth Multiple Sclerosis Ride

by Hector Feliciano

On October 11 and 12, 2003, fourteen Los Angeles Police Officers and four of their friends and family members participated in the 21st annual Orange County Multiple Sclerosis Bike Ride. The ride, which took us two days to complete, commenced in the city of Huntington Beach and terminated in Mission Bay, San Diego. We rode, along with approximately 1,400 other riders, along the beautiful coastlines of Orange County through Camp Pendleton, where the United States Marines escorted us through. We then rode into Carlsbad, where we were picked up by our support group and taken to San Mateo Camping

grounds outside San Onofre.

Once we reached the campsite, the rest of the support personnel, who spent the day putting up tents, prepared a feast to feed a king (Joe Harris, this time you outdid yourself). Once we were all fed and shared our daily thrills of the ride, we prepared ourselves for the next day's ride by turning in early, except, of course, for the diehards.

Sunday morning brought out the competitiveness in a few of our riders. Adriana Bravo wasn't about to let Andy Taylor, Mario Rojas, and Ed Acosta show her up. They all tested each other's skills and endurance, as well as those from other teams (no one could keep up with them). The riders completed Torrey

Pines grueling 3.8 miles uphill ride in fashionable style. Once we all formed up, we continued on to Mission Bay, where in true LAPD spirit all 18 riders, led by Rosemary Piazza, finished together.

FYI, this team was formed to help find a cure for victims of M.S. Our very own Rosemary fell victim to M.S. several years ago. We (the team) continuously pray and participate twice a year with the hope that a cure will soon come along to help her and others.

Participants of the Orange County M.S. ride were Rosemary Piazza, Kathlene Matthews, Adriana Bravo, Woodie Rogers, Linda Bauer, Brenda Castro, Tasha Karandy, Ed Acosta and son John, Ed Heredia and son Craig, Mario Rojas, Andy Taylor, Ken Arlt, Hector Feliciano, Alex Bautista, Dan Logan, and Romeo Tamparong. A

special thank you to our support group that gave it their all to make sure the riders had what they needed during and after the ride.

As mentioned, we ride twice a year for the M.S. Foundation. If you're interested, come out and join us. **This is not an LAPD-sponsored event.** This is a **FAMILY**, helping out one of our own and reaching out to the community. For our upcoming ride on May 1, 2004, you can contact Rosemary Piazza, Craig Heredia or Ramon Barajas at Rampart Station at (213) 485-4062. Come out and join us. You'll have a great time.

The team would like to send their heartfelt condolences to Michael and Dana Chang and their family on the loss of Michael's mother who passed away early in October due to cancer. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. ♦

## LAPD Centurion Baseball

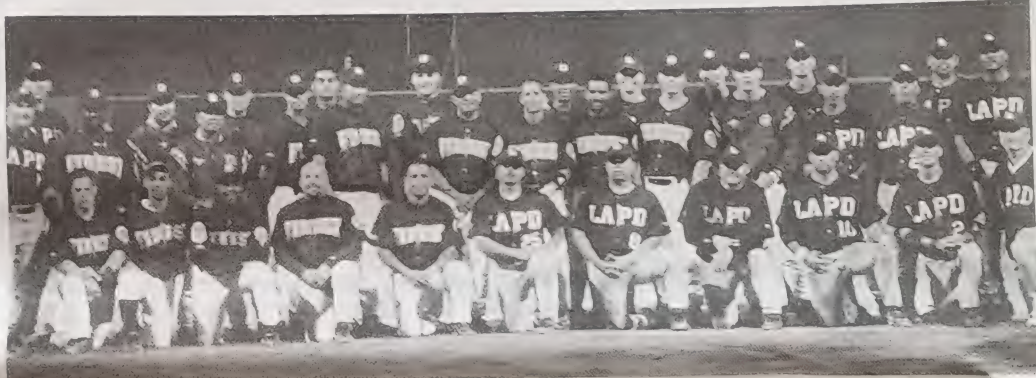
by Lt. Tim Moss

### LAPD Defeats NYPD to Take the Anaya Championship

LAPD Centurion Baseball Team wins the Anaya Tournament in San Diego and goes undefeated over the past two tournaments. The outstanding pitching provided by Merrill Dunn (West Valley), Cesar Corona (West Valley), Wayne Edwards (West Valley), David Swanson (Devonshire), and Ruben Delcastillo (Newton Street) put the LAPD Centurions on cruise control through the tournament. LAPD hitters provided 58 runs while LAPD pitching allowed only 15 runs. Merrill Dunn pitched two complete games allowing only four total runs and holding NYPD to only 1 run in the Championship Game, with LAPD outscoring the NYPD Finest 9 to 1.

Officer Bocanegra (Van Nuys) did an outstanding job in his first relief outing. Officers Cesar Corona and Merrill Dunn are still undefeated in tournament play. The heavy hitters for the tournament were led by Officers Luis Mota (Hollywood) catching and hitting .588, Rob Murray (Southwest) third base and hitting .444, Jon Campbell (Rampart) right field and batting .529, David Swanson outfield/pitching and batting .625, and Mike Scott (Devonshire) outfield and batting .444. It should be noted that Ruben Delcastillo went 3/3 hitting 1,000.

The defensive play of Chad Reuser (Devonshire) in left field, Cesar Gomez at shortstop, Martin Majarro (Van



Nuys) at second base, Jamie Chacon (Newton Street) at first base and Freddie Aleman (77th) who played everywhere, provided our pitching the backing needed to close out the season undefeated over the last two tournaments and 21 and 5 for the year. The Anaya Tournament game scores were:

LAPD Centurions 9 vs. LAPD Game Cops 5; LAPD Centurions 7 vs. LASD Stars 1; LAPD Centurions 16 vs. San Diego Stars 5; LAPD Centurions 11 vs. City of Orange Fire 1; LAPD Centurions 6 vs. L.A. City Fire 2; and LAPD Centurions 9 vs. New York Police Department's Finest 1. ♦

## The LAPD Gamecops Win Gold

The LAPD Gamecops recently won gold in baseball at the Arizona Police and Fire Games held in Mesa. In just their third baseball tournament ever, the Gamecops finally came together and made the necessary adjustments to win the championship. It had been a tough transition rediscovering a baseball swing and running down the longer base paths. The Gamecops roster consists of players, mostly from the LAPD Blue Softball Team.

The Gamecops went 4-0 in their quest for gold. They rolled with convincing wins over L.A. City Fire Axemen (11-2), Mesa P.D. Mustangs (9-5), Wichita P.D. Enforcers (13-4), and again Wichita P.D. Enforcers (16-3) in the gold medal game.

The Gamecops were led by the pitching of Chris Walter (Harbor). Chris went 2-0 and provided a tremendous boost for the pitching staff. Chris had a complete win against Wichita P.D. and had a second win in relief against Mesa P.D. Former LAPD Newton Officer Brian Haggerty received the victory in the championship game, shutting down Wichita P.D. Danny Garcia (Communications) picked up a

complete game win against the L.A. City Fire Axemen. Craig Venezuela also pitched well for the Gamecops.

The Gamecops bats were not to be outshined by the team's strong pitching. The offense had many offensive stars. Nate Baez (Rampart) batted .714, 10 hits, 6 RBIs and 6 runs scored. Todd Patino (Rampart) batted .462 and led the team with 7 runs scored. Todd Waymire (ACU) batted .455 and led the team with 4 doubles and 8 RBIs. Rick Flores (Rampart) and Robert Guyer (Rampart) also hit a very respectable .429. Steve Lozano (Rampart) and Guyer each hit a home run to lead the Gamecops. Fred Russell (Pacific) had an outstanding championship game, going 3-3 with 3 runs scored, 2 doubles and 2 RBIs.

The Gamecops are always looking to better their team. The team is a few quality pitchers away from being a major force in law enforcement baseball. If you are a baseball player and you think you can help out the team, contact Nate Baez, #34572. Call Rampart at (213) 485-4061 or use Department e-mail. ♦

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## SPORTS BEAT

### LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow  
Sports Beat Editor

First off a big Happy New Year to all our "Sports Beat" readers. This issue marks the start of our 15th year providing news about the Los Angeles Police Department's athletic program to the readers of *The Thin Blue Line*.

**Chuck Foote**, then assistant general manager of LAPRAAC, first proposed the idea 19 years ago. It took another four years for Foote to convince his Board of Directors, and that of the Los Angeles Police Protective League, the idea had merit. Foote brought yours truly aboard to write and edit the section and the rest, as they say, is history. (Your scribe has 22 years with the Revolver Club and an overall 31 years in law enforcement publications.)

The year 2004 brings a lot of changes and challenges to the athletic program. There's been a lot of scuttlebutt and gossip about the program's future. No matter what you may have heard out on the street, here's the real skinny:

It is true the department has frozen the position of athletic director. However, this *does not* mean the athletic program is finished. LAPRAAC is planning a very active calendar of athletic events in 2004. Intradepartmental basketball league play is underway (coordinated by **Charles Perry** and **Brenda Crump**). Dates will

be announced soon for start of the intradepartmental softball season (late March), spring bench press contest (mid May) and 20th Annual Memorial Relay (early June). Despite losing two pillars of the Baker to Vegas Relay (former Athletic Director **Tony Adler** to a work transfer and **Larry Moore** to injuries suffered in a horrible accident) the race will go off as scheduled the weekend of April 24-25. Chuck Foote and staff are feverishly working toward the goal as a tribute to his fallen comrade.

In addition, the LAPRAAC Board of Directors is in the process of hiring a civilian athletic coordinator to work with the department to manage the program. This position does *not* replace the sworn athletic director. When that position is unfrozen, the coordinator will work arm-in-arm with the athletic director to better facilitate the program.

There's an old bromide: "the only thing constant is change." There have been many changes in the department over the last few years, and we have all adjusted. Now there are some in how the athletic program is managed. While there may be a few bumps and hurdles, we'll all make the adjustments. And LAPRAAC and the department will be able to boast it always had, still has, and will continue to have the best law enforcement athletic program in the world. Period.

### Best Laid Plans

Get well wishes go out to **Bill Stein**, namesake of the award for service to the athletic program. Stein, a former NBC vice president, was instrumental making the Sports Awards Dinner an LAPD tradition. To recognize his contribution, LAPRAAC arranged to fly Stein and his daughter-in-law, Jaime Marx, down from Eureka to appear at the 50th annual dinner in November. (Bill was in attendance at the first dinner in 1954 and at nearly every once since.)

Bags packed and plane ticket in hand, the 85-year-old was ready to go. Unfortunately, a few microscopic organisms were less than cooperative and he landed in the hospital for a few days, missing the dinner. Bill is home recuperating and "Sports Beat" sends him our best for a speedy recovery. The tickets are good for a year and we hope to see him at the 51st dinner 11 months from now.

### Here's to the Winners

Congrats to winners of two LAPRAAC-sponsored athletic pro-

grams that recently wrapped up their seasons. Newton Division toughed out a gridiron season that spanned September and October to win the Intradepartmental Flag Football Championship...and the following a year of bi-monthly matches, Devonshire Division has claimed the LAPRAAC Golf Club Championship.

### We Welcome Your Articles

Planning a sports event or having an upcoming one? Submitting an article for Sports Beat is the best way to get info out to a wide range of active and retired department personnel. To be included we must receive articles, via fax or e-mail, no less than three days before the end of current month: by January 28 for March, February 26 for April, etc.

E-mail articles to [LAPDSportsBeat@aol.com](mailto:LAPDSportsBeat@aol.com) or fax to (818) 957-4275. Even if you send notes with a contact name/phone, we can write a story that gets the word out. Photos are welcome—lower-res jpegs are preferred via e-mail (or indicate on your fax or e-mail you have photos and we'll contact you).

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### Basketball Season Gets Underway

Play is now underway for the 2003-04 Intradepartmental Basketball season with a record 38 teams participating in five leagues. The first games were held Thanksgiving week and league play will extend through mid-February for all but the "A" League (which runs until the end of the month).

Parker Center is looking to repeat as winner of the Capt. Al Nelson Tournament for the LAPD championship. It defeated Central Division,

73-59, in last year's tourney finals to regain the title it last held in 1998. In the "B" League Metro (a 50-46 winner over Hollenbeck last season) will be trying to capture its eighth title in ten years. Other 2002-03 winners were Devonshire in the "C" League and CIID (Critical Incident Investigation Division) in the "D" League.

**Charles Perry** and LAPRAAC Board Member **Brenda Crump** are coordinating this year's program, ably assisted by

Athletic Secretary **Debra DeMond**. All games are played at the Elysian Park Academy gymnasium. The league breakdown and schedules are:

"A" League - Central #1, Internal Affairs #1, Northeast #1, Parker Center, Rampart #1, 77th Street, Van Nuys and West Valley - games on Thursday (through February 26) starting at 1100.

"B" League - Harbor, Hollenbeck, Metro #1, Newton #1, Southeast Red and Southwest #1, plays Tuesdays (through February 10) starting at 0900.

"C" League East - Captains, Hollywood, North Hollywood, Northeast #2, Southeast #1, Southwest #2, Training and West Traffic - games on Monday (through February 9) starting at 0800.

"C" League West - Central #2,

Devonshire, Foothill, Internal Affairs #2, Metro #2, Newton Vice, Pacific, Rampart #2, Southeast #2 and Wilshire - plays Tuesdays (through February 10) starting at 1200.

"D" League - Central Traffic, Critical Incident Investigation, Juvenile, Organized Crime Vice, South Bureau SCU and South Traffic - games every Thursday (through February 12) starting at 0800.

Post-season tournaments will be held following the end of league play.

Up-to-the-minute information on schedule changes is available on the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800. For other information, contact DeMond at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219.

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## Willis Joins Elite LAPD 400 Club

by Lou Salseda (member #12)

In the long history of LAPD, only 34 officers have shot a perfect score of 400 on the Bonus Course at the Elysian Park Academy. Considering tens of thousands of officers have passed through the Academy membership in this exclusive group attests to the difficulty in achieving the feat. Typically officers who hit 400 on the Bonus Course have dedicated many hours of intense practice and had many near misses—397s, 398s and 399s—before achieving the perfect 400.

Although the course has changed over the last 20 years it remains the Department's foremost test of shooting ability. It requires intense concentration and complete control of marksmanship fundamentals for 40 shots. An officer's ability to shoot well on the course garners respect among LAPD personnel who frequently shoot the course. Many specialized divisions and units require the minimum of a Marksmanship medal from Personnel as part of the application process.

Typically officers who strive to achieve a perfect 400 are highly self-motivated, extremely dedicated and take tremendous pride in their profession. Additionally most 400 Club members are also Distinguished Expert Medal holders (of which there are approximately 150 on the Department).

On February 4, 2003, the prestigious

400 Club was expanded with addition of Officer **Steve Willis**. Willis joined LAPD in 1996 after a tour of duty with the U.S. Navy and a stint in civilian life as a commercial diver. He's worked 77th Patrol, Pacific CRASH, West Bureau CLEAR, Southeast Narcotics and most recently Southeast Gang Impact (career criminals).

Willis has distinguished himself throughout his career as a highly self-motivated upper 10 percenter. Several years ago he wanted to do his part to enhance officer safety and applied his shooting skills to become a certified handgun, shotgun and rifle instructor. His shotgun instructor status includes the Benelli shotgun used by Narcotics and Metro. Willis's outstanding teaching ability and highly respected knowledge are frequently sought after by specialized units to provide training.

In 2001 he made a conscious decision to "go for it"—the 400 Club. Willis, too, experienced many 397s, some 398s and a few 399s before reaching the goal. His hard work and perseverance paid off—Officer Steve Willis is now a member of the proud, the few, the elite LAPD 400 Club.

Congratulations to member number 34 from all members of the 400 Club. (Willis also recently achieved another career goal and was selected for a position with Metro Division.)

## Bacon and L'Eggs Race



The Los Angeles Police Metropolitan Division Platoon would like to thank the participants in our 2003 Bacon and Scrambled L'Eggs Run and Bike Ride for Police Horses. Your generous support has directly assisted in the purchase of police horses and mounted search and rescue equipment and enhanced our efforts to serve the city of Los Angeles. Thank you again and see you next year!

### BAKER TO VEGAS CHALLENGE CUP RELAY RACE Motor Team – Baker to Vegas Motors (Riders) Needed

On April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club will be sponsoring the 20<sup>th</sup> annual running relay event. The Motor Team supports the event by supplying skilled motorcycle riders who serve as Race Officials.

The function includes enforcement of Race Rules & Regulations related to race and traffic safety. Motorcycles are required to have 4-way flashers, with Family Radio Service (FRS) 2-way radio capability (a \$50 per diem covers the general FRS cost... FRS is simple to obtain). Licensed Amateur Radios are a real plus.

Those individuals, both sworn and non-sworn, who would like to assist in covering Motor Team assignments for the event are encouraged to contact us for further details on equipment and assignments available, plus per diem provision.

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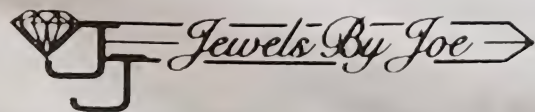
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# SPORTS BEAT

## 50th Annual Sports Awards Celebrates LAPD's Finest

by Lew Snow, Sports Beat Editor

Five decades of LAPD athletics were feted at the 50th Annual Sports Awards Dinner held Friday, November 21, at the Elysian Park Academy Gym. Sponsored by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (LAPRAAC), the yearly celebration recognizes those who have contributed to LAPD's reputation as the law enforcement athletics powerhouse.

"For half a century we've gathered to honor the best and the brightest," said Jim Voge, president of the LAPRAAC Board of Directors. "While many of yesterday's legends have passed on, and others have retired, like clockwork they are replaced, year after year by superb athletes like those in the audience tonight." Voge led the audience in a moment of silent prayer in memory of Burbank Officer **Matthew Pavelka** (killed in the line of duty earlier in the week and son of Det. **Mike Pavelka**), Det. **Abe Barron** (killed in an on-duty accident in June) and legendary athletic program volunteer **Kenji Taniguchi** (who passed away in April just after his 81st birthday).

Special guests of honor were NBA legend **Norm Nixon**, linchpin of the Laker teams that dominated basketball in the late 1970s and early 1980s, and **Rudy Law**, who set the Dodger record for steals by a rookie in 1980 and led the Chicago White Sox to the A.L. West Championship in 1983. Both stars posed for pictures with those receiving awards.

Notable guests included Chief of Police **William Bratton** and author **Rikki Klieman** (Mrs. Bratton); Assistant Chiefs **Jim McDonnell**, **George Gascon** and **Sharon Papa**; and City



Chief of Police William Bratton and author Rikki Klieman (Mrs. Bratton).

Councilmembers **Alex Padilla**, **Antonio Villaraigosa** and **Dennis Zine**. **Bill Stein**, namesake of the award for outstanding service to the Revolver Club, was scheduled to attend but fell ill the day before and was unable to fly in from Eureka. Stein had been at the first dinner in 1954 and was critical to making the Sports Awards Dinner an annual success.

In congratulating the night's winners, Chief Bratton reiterated his support for the Department's athletic program and reflected his first year in office kept him



Presentation of the colors.

away from most LAPD athletic events. "This year I plan to be out there showing my support."

Following presentation of the colors by the LAPD Color Guard Officer, the audience was wowed for the fourth time in five years by **Rosalind Curry's** (Employee Assistance Unit) rendition of the National Anthem. Department Chaplain **Ron Moen** (Training Division) provided the invocation. **Dennis Packer** (Juvenile Division), voice of the Kings, Chargers and USC Trojans, returned to the podium as master of ceremonies for the evening and handled all the last minute changes with his usual aplomb.



Chief Bratton, Dennis Packer, Chief McDonnell.

This year's Dinner Committee (Chair **Brenda Crump** and members **Debbie Chamberlain**, **Barbara Ginn**, **Kim Jones-Harris**, **Jim Katapodis** and **Irma Perez**) faced some major challenges in the weeks prior to the event but was more than up to the task (as evidenced by feedback from those in attendance).

Recognized for their achievements were:

### Intra-Departmental Basketball



John Buckley, Norm Nixon, Reedy Law, Ed Mahaffey, Chief Bratton. Metro Division Inter-Departmental Basketball. Winner B League.

Personnel and scheduling issues played havoc with league play in 2002-03. As a result, the regular season was scrapped and teams faced off in a double elimination tournament to decide the league championships. The "D" League title was captured by Critical Incident Investigation Division (coached by **Rudy de la Fuente**) and Devonshire (**Jeff Stahl**) took the "C" League champi-



Parker Center department champion, Inter-Departmental basketball winner.

onship. Metro (**Ed Mahaffey**) won its seventh "B" League crown in the last nine years.

Last year's champion (77th Street) fell early in post season play. Led by **Eric Moore's** stellar play Parker Center (**A. J. Kirby**) returned to its form of the mid-1990s to regain the Captain Al Nelson Trophy as LAPD champion.

### Intra-Departmental Slo-Pitch

For the first time in memory the top team in each of the three leagues finished season play undefeated. Seventeen teams competed in three leagues with Metro looking to become the first team since Rampart in the mid-1990s to threepeat as champions. It all came down to a mano-a-mano battle pitting Metro and Rampart. After all the dust settled, Rampart (coached by **Nate Baez**) handed Metro its first losses in three years to win the Red Davis Tournament.



Rampart Division, winner of the Red Davis Tournament.

In regular season play, Metro (**Phil Smith**) won Central League pennant, Pacific (**Jerry Bautista**) the South League title and Devonshire (**Tim Moss**) repeated as Valley League champs.

### Intra-Departmental Bench Press

Like the Energizer Bunny, they just keep winning and winning and winning and...



77th Street Inter-Departmental Bench Press.

Taking their 15th and 16th straight wins at the Spring and Fall bench press meets were the 77th Street Power Pigs (coached by **Paul von Lutzow**).

### Intra-Departmental Golf

The LAPRAAC Golf Club championship remained in Valley Bureau for the fourth consecutive year, but moved about ten miles west on the 118 Freeway. Capturing the department crown for the first time since 2000 was Devonshire Division.



Inter-Departmental Golf.

### Intra-Departmental Flag Football

The program's fifth year of play saw Newton Division capture the Intradepartmental Flag Football championship following Sunday action in September and

October at Cathedral High.

### Capt. Al Nelson Intra-Departmental Athlete of the Year

Playing both forward and center, **John Buckley** led a true team effort that saw Metro Division go undefeated during intra-departmental basketball play. His enthusiasm, strong play and mental fortitude have helped Metro win seven of the last nine "B" League tournaments.



John Buckley, Captain Al Nelson Inter-Departmental Athlete of the Year.

### Intra-Departmental Coach of the Year

When a team is successful, it can be attributed to either strong talent or a great coach...or both. Three decades of participation in LAPD athletics have honed **Ed Mahaffey's** leadership skills and helped make him a large part of the equation that has seen Metro dominate "B" League basketball play.

### LAPRAAC Trophy

When it comes to dominating their sport, the Roller Hockey teams (coached by **Russell Carr**) are at the top of the heap. Both teams brought home gold medals from the California Police and Fire Games, and the number one team has done it eight years in a row. Their willingness to help other agencies advance their skills has earned them an unparalleled reputation for goodwill.



LAPD Roller Hockey Team, LAPRAAC Trophy.

### Chief's Award

Despite the challenges of dovetailing athletic competition with on-the-job duties, the Women's Basketball teams had a tremendous year: First place at the California and Nevada Police and Fire Games and world championships in both five-on-five and three-on-three competition at the World Police and Fire Games in Spain. **Charles Perry** and **Gary Crump** coached the women's teams.



LAPD Women's Basketball Team, Chief's Award.

### Kenny Taniguchi Citizen of the Year

**Charles Perry** is a long-time fixture around the basketball court whose kindness and generosity are unmatched. In addition to helping coordinate the department's program and officiating at games, he also coaches the LAPD





Norm Nixon, Rudy Law, and Chief Bratton, with Charles Perry, recipient of the Kenny Taniguchi Citizen of the Year Award.

Women's teams. His leadership and enthusiasm have taken the ladies to the pinnacle of success.

### Bill Stein Award

(for service, dedication and support of LAPRAAC)

Christine Devine's numerous appearances at Sports Awards Dinners as co-host of the Baker to Vegas Awards ceremonies and numerous other LAPD events have her one of the program's strongest supporters. The award-winning journalist is anchor of the Fox 11 News at Ten.

His unmistakable voice makes KFWB reporter **Pete Demetriou** one of the most recognized radio personalities in Los Angeles. Pete has emceed many Sports Awards Dinners and is co-host of the Baker to Vegas Awards ceremonies. In his younger days, he has run with the Write Stuff teams and is also an active race volunteer.



Bob Pullard Trophy Award Winner, Tim Colomey.

But his never-say-die attitude and grueling physical therapy put him back on duty in a year. He runs at Baker to Vegas, is on the department's Long Distance Running Club, boxed at the Fight for Life in November, and will run in the Boston Marathon this April.

### Athletes of the Year

**Hsin-Yi (Sig) Lo** is the offensive spark for the Women's Basketball Team. She controls the ball on fast breaks and is first to beat the other team down on defense. Sig's leadership and team play led the squad to a world's championship as well as two gold medals at the California Police and Fire Games.



Female Athlete of the Year, Hsin-Yi Lo.



Male Athlete of the Year, Bart Landsman.

A 22-year veteran, **Bart Landsman** has participated in nearly every sport imaginable. He holds an amazing 142 Police and Fire Games medals, more than half gold. A critical element of the Stick-Time co-ed softball team, Bart (as player and coach) has led numerous racquetball and softball teams to titles.

### Open Athletes of the Year

**Merrill Dunn** was a triple threat in 2003—he led Devonshire to the "C" League basketball title, the Dev Blues to the Valley League softball pennant, and the Centurions to medals in the California and Arizona Police and Fire Games. Merrill hit over .400 for the Centurions and as pitcher lost only one game in 15 starts.



Open Athlete of the Year, Merrill Dunn, LAPD/Centurions Baseball.

In seven years **Lily Vizcarra** has become one of the department's premier



Open Athlete of the Year, Dalila Vizcarra, Women's Running Team.

long distance runners. She participates regularly at Baker to Vegas, the Scorpion Relay and the Memorial Run and also spends a great deal of time competing in charity events like the "Lupus Race for Life" and "Race for a Cure."

### Senior Athletes of the Year

**Martin Majarro** has been with the Centurions baseball team since its inception and is known as the ultimate team player. He has started in almost every position and as a pitcher he has never lost in tournament play. This year Martin's determination and tenacity brought him back to the starting lineup after back surgery.



Senior Athlete of the Year, Martin Majarro.



Senior Athlete of the Year, Martee Miyakawa.

Recognized as one of the top performers on the Women's Long Distance Running Team, **Martee Miyakawa** displays superior leadership in representing female athletes and is always willing to help team members improve their skills. She is a much sought after advisor and mentor on and off the athletic field.

### Daryl F. Gates Master Athlete of the Year

As a player and co-captain of the department's tennis squads, **Ed Russell's** teams excelled in 2003, taking gold medals in singles and doubles in Sacramento, doubles gold and singles bronze in Barcelona, and winning the 12th Annual California Police and Fire Tennis Tournament. All this despite a debilitating neck problem that threatened his ability to play tennis.

### Bob Burke All Sports Trophy

The Power Pigs' domination of bench press competition, a second place finish in South League softball, and having the fastest department team in the Baker to Vegas Stations category brought the Bob Burke All-Sports Trophy down South Broadway to 77th Street Division. It was the first time since 1990 this award went to a division other than Metro or Rampart.



77th Street Division, Bob Burke All Sports Trophy.

### LAPRAAC Hall of Fame

**Milt Hernandez**, a former pro basketball player in Puerto Rico, has been called "the gentleman of every sport" for his even demeanor and calming ability. He has been a player, coach and mentor on three separate five-on-five basketball teams, formed the three-on-three teams that has dominated play since its incep-



Milt Hernandez, Hall of Fame winner.

tion and ran on the Hollenbeck team that won the 1988 Baker to Vegas race. Milt still runs on his divisional squad and participates in flag football and intra-department softball.

### Nancy Dyer Sportspersons of the Year

Her lethal three-point shooting led the Women's Basketball teams to several five-on-five and three-on-three championships. **Leslee Rogers** credits an out-



Gloria Odorizzi, Norm Nixon, Kristin Dyer, Rudy Law, and Chief Bratton, honor Leslee Rogers, Sportsperson of the year.



Alberto Franco, Sportsperson of the Year.

standing conditioning program to her competitive edge, although it is her outstanding playmaking ability and motivation that makes her stand out from the crowd.

**Alberto Franco's** muscular stature belies a warm and gentle nature that eagerly helps fellow lifters hone their skills. He is one of the premier bench press competitors in the world, this year setting the World Police and Fire Games bench press record of 517 pounds in his class, and the LAPD mark at an even more amazing 550 pounds. ♦



Mike Scott receives Bill Stein Award.

Centurion Baseball Team Captain **Mike Scott** founded the LAPD Swinga-Thon three years ago. That event has blossomed into a huge festival celebrating baseball and the department. Over the last three years, his dedication to community service has helped raise tens of thousands of dollars for charity and motivate hundreds of citizens to become more involved.

### Brass Award

Assistant Chief **Sharon Papa** is a visionary leader whose blueprint for success gives employees every opportunity to achieve and contribute to their fullest potential. The first female assistant chief in LAPD history motivates her fellow officers to push just a little bit harder at every turn by her hands-on support of the athletic program.



Brass Award Winner, Sharon Papa.

### Bob Pullard Trophy

Nearly seven years ago **Tim Colomey** was gravely injured during a foot pursuit. Massive injuries made it doubtful Tim would ever be able to walk again.

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# "BURNOUT"

Fr. Michael McCullough  
LAPD/FBI, Certified Master Chaplain

## The Problem and Root Causes

People occasionally ask me who I turn to and how do I stay healthy when the lot of a police chaplain is often to hear the worst, most painful things that happen to officers. I respond by saying that I have a very large support system. It is a system that has taken me many years to develop, and I am constantly adding to it. Though there are no guarantees that we won't burn out, I think we can take steps to prevent it.

Burnout has been defined by Gentry and Baranowsky as, "A chronic condition of perceived demands outweighing perceived resources." I'm going to approach this subject more in practical than in clinical terms. I have been a law enforcement chaplain for 29 years. I am not a psychologist.

The officially approved emblem of the LAPD Chaplain Corps that I designed in 1983 shows flames arising from the heart, symbolizing the fact that we, as chaplains, minister from the heart. In burnout, the flame is flickering. Spiritually, outgo is exceeding income. I have seriously bogged down three times in my career—my perception was that outgo was exceeding income. Burnout can affect a peace officer or anyone in a helping profession just as certainly as it can a person in ministry. How did burnout manifest itself in my life?

The first nine years I was in ministry I worked 16- to 19-hour days, six days a week. I had one day off per week. My first parish assignment was a large one with 4,000 Catholic families, 9 rest homes with Catholics, 100 shut-ins in homes who needed a visit every month,

a 700-bed emergency hospital with no chaplain three blocks away and 30 parish organizations that were all expecting my personal involvement. I did police work on "my time," my day off. I would typically work a 12-hour day then report for morning watch roll-call and ride along all night. I slept the rest of my day off. That was usually my routine one or two of my days off per month. I always felt tired.

When you are 21, 28, or 35, you can get away with that regimen. But as we grow older, we have to grow smarter. My perception, though perhaps subliminal, was that I must convince my religious superiors that I was serious about ministry to police...until my health broke the first time. In 1982, my family doctor was the first to notice my condition and he wrote to my superiors on my behalf. My sleep patterns were messed up, I often felt fatigue to the point of saying, "What's the use?" and "Am I ever going to have any enjoyment in life?" I didn't have a solution.

Let me describe what I consider to be the root causes of what I was going through. From awareness of these, I believe the solutions came.

1. I didn't know and understand my physical limits.
2. Therefore, I couldn't respect my physical and emotional limits.
3. There was a severe lack of *balance* in my life between prayer, play, work, eating, sleeping, and friends. WORK was always in huge capital letters compared to everything else.
4. I had an inability to say "no". At some level I reasoned: "They'll love me more if I say 'yes'."
5. Others and myself had unrealistic expectations. People appoint us to do this or that. We must sometimes *disappoint* ourselves from their appointments—disappoint them. This can include family.

6. Burnout is more about what's inside of me than what's "out there." It has a lot to do with perceptions.

7. I had too much focus on myself and not enough on God and God's goodness.

8. I think cynicism is a clear indication of burnout. [See the article on cynicism that I wrote for *The Backup* in 1988.]

9. Workaholicism was another root cause of burnout for me. At the emotional level, this is rooted in a poor self image which says "I'm not good enough," or "I have to work harder to make up for my deficiencies." Combine that with a certain pride that allows me to do this and this and that activity never or seldom taking into account the "big picture." In other words, what will saying "yes" to this request cost me physically, emotionally and spiritually? This question needs to be asked often and the answer listened to carefully. Hopefully, a spouse can do that for a person. A celibate or unmarried person may be at a disadvantage in this regard. One needs to keep a "buffer zone" of energy for the *big ones*—the big emergencies that come up in this profession. It is not healthy to always be right at the point of exhaustion. And if I do operate that way, am I not setting myself up to giving in to temptations of overstepping boundaries, to improprieties? We ignore our legitimate physical, spiritual and emotional needs "in the name of work" to our own serious peril. My spiritual director once asked me, "Who is making you work so hard? Not God."

10. I find there is an ironic dualism between needing to advertise/log activities, accomplishments and virtues (to maintain funding and support) versus the call to humility and letting only God give the credit.

11. *Perfectionism* is another dangerous root cause of burnout. With so many demands coming at us, sometimes we must do "grade B" work instead of "grade A" work. The more that idea bothers you, the more perfectionistic you probably are. If I have three major events to handle in one day, I can only do the best I can.

I got a handle on many of these dynamics in my life, but once again, in 1986, I found myself depleted. In honesty, I approached my religious superiors and stated: "This is what I have accomplished; this is what I am feeling called to do; this is what I can't do." Call it a miracle, my plea was heard and I was appointed to full-time law enforcement ministry within the year—what I had hoped and prayed for.

In 1989-'90, I lost ten significant others in the course of 20 months. It was a very trying time, but I seemed to weath-

er that period all right.

However, in 1999 I seemed to experience a real "log jam." That year had included my deep involvement in several line-of-duty deaths and another event—my Dad having to enter a rest home. For some reason that one hit me very hard. Once again, I found myself being called to greater balance. I believe that "EMDR" eye movement desensitization and reprocessing helped get me moving again.

There is a positive side to the fact that you and I get depleted emotionally. The degree of one's pain is often the degree of one's care.

## Prevention and Healing From Burnout

My definition of burnout is "a condition where the person is unable to perform their normal duties because of fatigue, imbalance, possibly coupled with some form of addiction, overscheduling, failure to take days off, vacations, retreats, days of recollection, disconnectedness with one's spiritual roots and what motivates."

In my opinion, you need to have a tool kit, a big one for at home and a small one for on the road. I propose that you look through this "tool box." Some of these tools may fit and some won't. Use whatever is helpful. The choice is up to you. By "on the road," I mean responding to large disasters and critical incidents.

**PRAYER:** Law enforcement involves a daily drop of corrosion on the soul (Joseph Wambaugh). Therefore, we need a daily drop of "grace" to neutralize it. Prayer can take the form of petition, *adoration*, reparation and thanksgiving. We can *engage* in meditation, contemplation and/or *affective* prayer—simply being quiet in God's presence. Like the simplicity of the prayer of FDNY Chaplain Fr. Mychal Judge: *Lord, take me where you want me to go. Let me meet who you want me to meet. Tell me what you want me to say. And keep me out of your way.*

**EXERCISE:** A good workout flushes toxins out of the system. It is a good preventative for burnout. Science has also discovered that certain negative chemicals are only expelled from the system through the tear ducts.

**CONFIDANTS:** Have a person or two (male or female) with whom you can prudently share anything.

**TAKE A DAY OFF:** For some, this is nearly impossible, but it really will pay dividends in energy and creativity the rest of the week.

**PRAYER SUPPORT GROUP:**

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meet once a month with a group of my peers from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This has brought a lot of stability to my life. We've been together for 26 years.

**12-STEP GROUP:** The first three of the twelve steps are about being right with God. Contact a peer counselor or the Employee Assistance Unit to learn more about these non-denominational steps. They make an excellent plan for spiritual growth.

**BALANCE:** Keeping our backpack balanced means keeping a balance between body, soul, mind and heart. It also means balancing play, prayer, work, eating, sleeping and friends. Prioritizing in our busy lives is essential and prioritizing is about time management. I think the suicide epidemic we are experiencing in law enforcement nationwide is, in great part, a symptom of being out of balance in the areas mentioned above.

**DISCIPLINE:** This might mean more rest or less rest. Be honest. Seven to eight hours sleep is normal. A 24 to 36 hour shift may require more.

**RETREAT(S):** Long, 30-day, silent, short. Self-directed; other directed. The Desert Refuge for Peace Officers is a good location for retreats.

**WRITING POETRY:** This has become one of my favorite ways of debriefing myself after a major incident. Major incidents I have participated in have included 1991 U.S. Air crash—34 fatalities (40 hours); 1992 civil unrest (132 hours); North Hollywood shootout; 1996 Olympics as chaplain to the security forces (5 weeks); 2000 Alaska Air crash (200 hours); 2001 W.T.C. Ground Zero (6 days). This technique is admittedly contrived. I am aware of that fact, but the technique has served me well. I like to write poetry. When I am involved in a critical incident, I make notes of my feelings (strong positive and/or strong

negative). At some later time, I gather those thoughts and feelings into a poem. I create an "album" including the poem and other photos or memories of the event. I can then place the album on the shelf, where I can readily fetch it if I need to. This enables me to let go of the fear of forgetting the loving, important things I experienced that have given meaning to this event/my life. I can then also move on to other priorities.

**LEISURE:** In my opinion, the *unreflected life is not worth living*. So many wonderful, positive things happen each day, we may inadvertently forget them when we are in "tough times." My shortest poem is as follows: "An attitude of gratitude; Yields a plenitude of contentitude."

Each day look over what to be thankful for. Each day look back at the miracles that happened. I find there is always at least one, even if it is only as simple as breathing in and out.

**THE DESERT REFUGE FOR PEACE OFFICERS:** This is the main thing that keeps me sane these days. In 1986, I set a 20-year goal to have a house of prayer and spirituality for peace officers. We now have a cabin on five acres in Joshua Tree, Calif. We were incorporated in 1999 and are federally tax exempt as of August of 2001. We have had 129 guests in the past year including a New York Police Officer who worked "Ground Hero" and a chaplain from Louisiana. We have hosted officers and police chaplains from Los Angeles, Riverside, Ventura, and Orange Counties. The Desert Refuge has prevented at least one officer from "eating his gun." The purpose of The Desert Refuge is to teach all these "solutions" to burnout, hopefully in a proactive way. We hope to deter suicide and cynicism before they become a fact.

**JOURNALING:** What I found helpful over the course of several years was to daily record the joy of the day, the

pain of the day, one good thing I did for myself today, the Scripture of the day, and the lesson of the day. This helped me to get a handle on patterns about myself, to what do I run when I am down?

**THE RESERVE CORPS OF ST. MICHAEL:** This is a group of lay parishioners that I drew together in 1992 to support police and my ministry to law enforcement. I give a monthly report and we have shared prayer together for the intentions of law enforcement personnel who may be sick, hurting or in need of prayer. This group has been a tremendous personal blessing for me.

**DEEP BREATHING EXERCISE:** When we are in stress or severe stress, we tend to breathe shallowly and this prevents oxygen from getting to the brain. In crisis, our thinking can become muddled, in part for this reason. Deep breathing is very simple and very effective for relaxing taut stomach muscles when you want to relax, for example just before retiring. It consists of inhaling deeply through the nose until the abdominal area rises. Hold it for three seconds and then slowly exhale through the mouth. I find that three to ten repetitions usually does relaxation wonders.

**EMDR:** "Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing." Science isn't certain of all the reasons why this works yet, but it did for me. It opened up my "log jam." It can be a valuable tool for moving on if you get "stuck," especially if trauma (actual or vicarious) was involved as part of your "stuckness." You would seek out a trained therapist for this.

**PORTABLE TOOL KIT—THE TELEPHONE:** A great "tool" for staying healthy is our dear friends in law enforcement who have retired and who know us well. They know our work and our role in it and it may very well make them feel good to be called and consulted once in a while. "Seek counsel from every wise man" [or woman]. *Book of Tobit 4:18.*

**A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR:** A spiritual mentor who espouses values that you appreciate can steer you right in times of ambiguity and confusion.

**MINI VACATIONS:** Take an afternoon off once in a while if things are "getting to you." Get permission if you must—I'm not advocating going AWOL, but it is better to be gone for an afternoon now and then than to burn out.

**SAY "NO":** To unreasonable requests or reasonable ones when you are already booked or overbooked!

**HAVE A HOBBY:** Bird watching, astronomy, naval history, stamp collecting or poetry. Police work/ministry often involve spiritual (unseen) results. We seldom see the final fruit of the seeds we plant. This is an occupational hazard. Hobbies and manual labor can help balance this.

**CISD:** Critical Incident Stress Debriefing—being a peer counselor and part of the Critical Incident Response Team gives you training you can use to recognize your own symptomology. But use it—darn it! You may be trained in *teaching* it, but if you don't avail yourself of it when you have experienced a critical incident, you could be at risk for negative consequences.

**FAMILY NIGHT:** My siblings (and parents while they were alive) have gotten together every three weeks for the past 29 years. It prevents us from "drifting apart" unwittingly. This has become a tremendous part of my support system.

I hope some of these tools are useful to you. Burnout is preventable as is cynicism and suicide. We must avail ourselves of tools to stay healthy. When we find tools that work, we can share them with others, too.

To schedule time at The Desert Refuge for Peace Officers for yourself, you and your family or your group or to receive a map and brochure, please contact Fr. Michael McCullough at (323) 298-7174. ♦

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# RETIREMENT NEWS

The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 1st of the month for the following month's issue date.

## Northwest Coast Blue Knights (NWCBK)

by Gabe Ornelas

Greetings and happy new year from the great Northwest. We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and that Santa visited your home with the goodies you hoped for. Well, it's that time of the year where our average low temperature on the Olympic Peninsula is stuck on 40 degrees and the high might reach 42 degrees. What happens east of the

this time in Sequim, which is in the heart of our Rain Shadow. It was roll call and time to rub elbows with fellow Blue Knights. The atmosphere of a wonderful country club, the popular Dungeness Golf and Country Club was the place to conjure up old war stories and they did flow.

Linda and Larry Graham, one of our in-house SWAT retirees, did a super job in arranging this gathering, which all of you know is a big headache at times.

tered around the parked 1956 LAPD B/W replica. The owners, George and Carole March, began the restoration in 2001. They are very active in car club activities, shows, parades, etc. (March@olypen.com.) The senior members of the NWCBKs had vivid recollections of this model from 1956 and were impressed with the authenticity and the pride placed in the restoration work by its owners. After the great food and cheer, the "surprise" entertainment

D'Alene, Idaho, again joined us for our annual reunion. It was always good to see them and have their support.

Charles Ream, our senior member (Ret. 1966) lost his crown of tenure in retirement by Eugene Pember's appearance. He also retired the same year. It was great to hear their exchange of experiences.

Frank Clatnoff brought a guest, which we always encourage, Dave Monroe, a retiree from San Clemente P.D. and Orange County D.A.'s office.

We want to thank all who put together some great door prizes. Of course, Virginia Pickering again walked away with a beautiful prize.

Terry Minton, Gordon Campbell, Max Hurlbut and Gabe Ornelas passed the baton to the incoming Planning Committee of Jerry "Frog" Le Frois, Tim Bowen and Ernie Newman. We encouraged everyone's support for this new committee.

The new committee will find continued growth and interest by members. Our vision is to continue our social functions throughout western Washington as we continue to reach out to the 128 LAPD families in this area.

Our Wellness Network is in its development stage and our goal is to have a database of members' information. This information will be used to notify all members by e-mail whenever a member becomes ill or that an "officer needs assistance." As an example, we recently notified the members of the news that Retired Chief Ed Davis fell in his home more than a year ago, breaking his back, resulting in being placed in a body cast. The NWCBKs have sent their best wishes to the chief.

From all of us to all of you, have a healthy and fun year. KMA.



Back Row L-R: Tim Friel, Bob Kavanaugh, Jim Dahl, Bruce Durning, Don Mandrella, Steve Nielsen, Charles Ream, Jerry "Frog" Le Frois, Terry Minton, Leonard Wiley, Max Hurlbut, Gabe Ornelas.

Front L-R: Gordon Campbell, Larry Graham, Frank Clatnoff, George Pember, Bob Brosnon, Art Haversat, Gary Barrett, Kent Setty, Virginia Pickering.

Cascade Mountains is another matter. Hey, honest, talk to our retirees living in Sequim and you might not get them at home as they are probably on the links hacking away and enjoying life. Well, enough of the commercial.

We had our yearly fall reunion held

The Grahams' program of events will be a very tough act to follow next year. Not only was the great menu of salmon (of course, and we're not speaking of farmed salmon), beef and yes, some veggie plates were delicious. Prior to our sampling this food, the chatter cen-



Charles Ream with replica 1956 LAPD B/W.

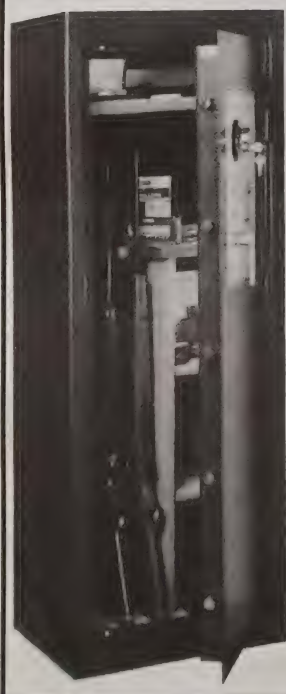
began. Linda Graham and her troop of professional and well-rehearsed belly dancers gave an outstanding performance of middle-eastern dances. It was a surprise well worth waiting for! It was learned later that Linda and her group do performances throughout the North Peninsula area. As I said, this will be a tough act to follow.

Kent and Rio Setty, from Coeur



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## A Golfer's Dream Fulfilled

by Ollie's Angels  
(Jennifer, Denise & Stefani)

Here's a great story for LAPD retirees turned golfaholics. My dad, **Oliver Farley** (retired 1979), was an avid golfer. If he wasn't golfing, he was at the golf course playing cards. He loved the game and all the friends he made at the courses. My parents went to Hawaii once every year just to play golf. My dad's favorite course was the beautiful Plantation Course in Maui. Unfortunately, my dad couldn't make the 2003 trip. He lost his battle with cancer in March, 2003. In his last year he made it clear to us he would be cremated. He said that his ultimate place of rest would be the Plantation Course in Maui. After his death, mom couldn't bear the thought of taking this year's trip to Hawaii without him.

Dad's ashes sat on the piano in mom's living room for the next four to five months. We tried planning a day we could get together to scatter the ashes at

the local golf course, but the day never came. However, the big Hawaii golf trip was rapidly approaching and at long last my mom gathered her strength and courage and headed to Hawaii with my dad's ashes and all her supportive golf friends. The day mom chose to disperse dad's ashes, everyone gathered around Par 3, 11th hole and fairways between the 11th and 15th hole, and mom sprinkled dad's ashes just as he always wanted. It was very emotional for my mom because this was symbolic for letting him go and saying goodbye. At the very moment the last of the ashes had blown away, it started to rain lightly. A symbol of the tears of many people.

My mom and her group had a tee time shortly thereafter. My mom went first and wouldn't you know she hits her first HOLE IN ONE! It began to slightly rain again. My mom, for the first time, was using a Titleist 1 ball, and it was my dad's ball. She felt it was dad telling her thank you, thank you for carrying out my ultimate last wish!



# Sacramento Area Blue Line Association (SABLA)

by Bernie Remas

## Happy New Year 2004

A happy new year to all of you out there, from your friends in SABLAland! We hope and pray the very best for you this year of 2004! I know some of you, or maybe most of you, are reaching for the "Slim-Fast" or signing up for Weight Watchers—again! But that's okay!

Wasn't it a great holiday season! Turkey and dressing, cranberries, pies, cakes, See's candies, presents, toys for the young, and toys even for us old persons, celebrations, family get-togethers, brunches, lunches, dinners, even mid-night suppers. We do hope and pray that this year will bring you wealth—a little and a whole lot of good health!

This article is being written a little earlier than usual so if world events has changed any of this text, I apologize in advance. It's because I've got a little bragging of my own to do! **Judy & I** went to Hawaii for Thanksgiving. That's not a big deal, but we left November 19th from San Diego on Holland America's Statendam for a round trip cruise to Hawaii! What great fun! It was warm, of course. And I didn't lose any weight for the holidays, 'cause I got a good head start on the cruise. By the time we got back here in SABLAVille on December 5—well you know the rest! Where's the Slim-Fast, Judy?

The annual SABLA Christmas party luncheon was held last month, but I won't have any details until next month's *Blue Line*.

It was on Thursday, December 18, 2003, at the Lodge at Del Webb's Sun City in Roseville! So stay tuned here, and we'll tell you all about that event next month.

Before this New Year gets too far underway, there is one piece of unfinished business from the LAPD picnic & barbecue at Kiser's Vineyard in Sonoma last September. (See photo below.) It's a great photo that was taken at the barbecue. And it shows off one of LAPD's active best! **Rhonda Kiser VanGober** from Devonshire Division. You did recognize the Kiser name in there, didn't you? See! These articles aren't always about us retired LAPDers!



Rhonda Van Gober.

In the photo, on the left, is the police-woman uniform from 1947. The hat, jacket and skirt belonged to **Bette Thompson Phillips**. I know. But police-woman is what was used back then! The tie was **Virginia Pickering's**, and the handbag containing a .38 caliber 2 inch and handcuffs belonged to **Melva Myers Glavas**.

The "good looking" model on the right is wearing the 1957 model of how the LAPD sergeant's uniform looked at that time.

And in the middle is Rhonda VanGober modeling the current 2004 police officer uniform. She does make it look good!

Another P.S. to the barbecue was the

Kiser's generosity when the bills were all paid. From the profits that their whole family worked so hard to earn—**Ron & Marilyn Kiser** gave \$1,000 to the William H. Parker Foundation. Next they gave \$250 to the LAPD Historical Society, and then \$250 to the LAPD Memorial Fund. Then on top of that they gave \$200 more to the treasury at SABLA. How about three cheers and a hip-hip-hooray for Ron & Marilyn Kiser and family! Thank you both so much!

Our SABLA luncheon on November 13, 2003, was extra special 'cause we had our very own hero, **L.C. Browne** as our guest speaker. You shoulda been there! L.C. claimed that he was not the "guest speaker type"! Well he destroyed that premise, because he was one of the best speakers we've had at SABLA! As reported here, L.C. has been teaching school in the Elk Grove area since retiring to this area, but getting shot was not one of the job descriptions! First he gave us a recap of his LAPD experience including 10+ years at the "old" LAPD OCID. That raised applause from **Ed Lewandowski** and **Roy Kerton** who evidently knew something about OCID!

But the reason he was at the luncheon was to tell us about his recent "bout" with a teenager at the Elk Grove School where L.C. works. As he explained, he's not a V.P. as reported, but better recognized as the "teacher-in-charge" category. When the principal is absent, L.C. moves up to the "top"!

On October 1, 2003, a "problem" started about 9:00 a.m. Naturally, the principal was absent that day, so L.C. was the acting principal! A 19-year-old, 5th year senior, showed up in the classroom with a shotgun, and was holding a teacher and six other students, huddled in the corner. L.C. ran to the classroom (no gun! Whoops), to see what he could do. He knew the student well, and began talking to him even though the student did have the shotgun, and an automatic in his waistband!



We don't care if you don't like the word. You're my hero! Left- Roy Kerton, right- L.C. Browne. L.C. receiving plaque from Roy.

The first thing he accomplished was to obtain the release of the teacher and six students. They were now safe. Then the student began threatening suicide, using both weapons to the neck. Then the sirens of the police approaching could be heard in the distance. The student wanted L.C. to let him outside. He wanted to confront the police, armed with the two weapons. L.C. knew what the young man wanted the police to do. Right?

The city of Elk Grove was just recently incorporated as a city. For police protection they contract with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office. As two deputies were coming to the classroom, L.C. noted that they were walking across the grass and not using cover. Just then the troubled student rushed by L.C. to get outside and confront the deputies. L.C. scuffled with him and the next thing he remembers is four shots being fired, the fourth one striking him in the

foot. The bullet went through and through and an x-ray taken later, showed no bone fragments. His only worry right now is that the Achilles tendon might have been damaged. Doctors aren't sure yet.

The teen is okay. Many charges have been filed and court will come later. L.C. is back to work—with a cane!

Anyone who reads this should not be misled about the seriousness of this incident. This was one troubled teen who had the capability to kill innocent human beings. Had it not been for the personal courage and attention to duty of L.C., this incident would have had tragic consequences for many, many people.

The word "hero" is used often these days. L.C. Browne is a modest and unassuming man who does not believe he did anything special during this incident. He does admit that his LAPD experiences helped him make decisions during this ordeal.

We believe he went far beyond "our" motto of "to protect and to serve"! SABLA had a beautiful plaque made for L.C., recognizing his hero status, and publicly announcing our gratitude for his courage and determination in serving his community. No one could have done it better!

God bless you, L.C. Browne! You're our hero. No one was hurt or injured but you! You're still working "to protect and to serve"! And you do it well!

Lots of SABLA females were at the November luncheon. At the head table were **Hoy Key** and **Wilma Laycock** with our Prez **Carl Kuehn** and wife, **Ellie**! **Roy Kerton & LaDonna** were back. **Tony & Carolyn Baldassano**, **Ray & Margy Lauritzen**, and my wife, **Judy**, were there. Where were you? With them coming, it sure does brighten up a rather dull bunch of guys sittin' around!! **Bob Devin**, **Ken Carlsted** and **Jim Byrd** were there. They're all lookin' good! How about you? **Dennis McDonald** brought a great surprise, **Neil Parker**! Talk about still lookin' good! You the "man," Neil!

Ed Lewandowski, now of the Golden One Credit Union, was there and will again be writing this article every month

beginning next month while I warm up in Florida for a few months. Thanks, Ed.

**Joe Sandoval & Art Van Court** were sitting together comparing "notes" from the old days! **Royal Jensen**, someone we don't see often, was there. How about you?

**Bob Troutt**, on his \$30,000 motorcycle, was in too. I don't know if it cost that much! Somebody said that! And he



"We do look great, huh?" Left- Neil Parker, right- Dennis McDonald.

can still borrow from the LAPD Credit Union, right? **Bob McGuire** came in all the way from Carson City, NV. How come you didn't show?

**Gene DeCrona** is still trying to get me to remember all the original officers of SABLA! Gee whiz, Gene. I have trouble remembering who's in charge now! **Frank Moore** was back, as was **Chuck Crawford**. But he wasn't sitting with **Chuck Ward**. See! Sometimes those motor officers do mix it up with the rest of us! You gotta be there to take part in all of this!!

**George Puddy** we're told is recovering from a stroke. His daughter, **Fran**, says that he's home and would like to hear from any of you out there. His address is 4450 Minnesota Ave., Fair Oaks, CA 95628. Hang in there, George!

On January 8, 2004, it's back at "Friends Restaurant" with an open menu! Choose your own. It's at Highway 50 and Zinfandel, the north side of Highway 50 east of downtown Sacramento, 1130 hours. Bring money for lunch! We have an interesting guest speaker lined up, so come for soup and salad! Your one chance of the month, every month, to mix with the absolute best retired police officers—in the whole wide world!

Be good to each other there. We need and love each and every one of you! ❖

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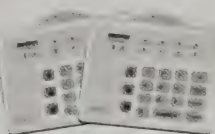
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## RETIREMENT NEWS

### Old Blue Running Team

by Mike McKean

The Old Blue team met in Griffith Park on November 9 for our monthly run/get together. Both team captains were present—his honor, **Mel Sandvig**, and also direct from the state of Washington, **Chuck McTaggart**. You could tell Chuck's car as he had pontoons instead of tires. Present to participate in the run in addition to the team captains were **Mike Arroyo**, **George Sanchez**, **Bruce Hoover**, **Gene**



Back row: George Franco, Terry Wonders, Mike McKean, Jim O'Connor, and Mike Arroyo. Front row: Gene Peterson, Chuck McTaggart, and Mel Sandvig.

**Peterson**, and **Keith Allen**. The support personnel were **Mike McKean**, **Terry Wonders**, **Diane Harber**, **George Franco** and team photographer **Mike Melancon**. A good time was had by all, especially at breakfast.

The run for January is scheduled for January 4, 2004, and just in case the paper doesn't reach you in time, be sure and come to our February 1, 2004, qualifying run. Remember, 0800 hours at the Griffith Park Crystal Springs Ranger Station with breakfast to follow.

A note of sadness for the Old Blue Running Team. **Donna Romero**, wife of stalwart of the Old Blue team **Ray Romero** passed away in November. Ray was one of the original founders of the Old Blue Running Team and does a great job of organizing the Las Vegas end of the run. Ray and Donna hosted a pre-race house warming at their new house. Donna was part of the team and a great lady. She was a member of the law enforcement community and was a retired Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff. Donna we will miss you. May God bless.

### Guns and Hoses

by Ron and Elayne Gray

The Guns and Hoses Golf Tournament sponsored by Palm Valley Country Club continues to be one of the best tournaments in the Coachella Valley. Each two-person team must be comprised of at least one fireman or police officer. LAPD was well represented on the prize list with **Marv Cooper**, **Char Reming**, **J.D. Smith** and **Mike Guy** being just some of the big winners. The Palm Valley Pro Shop donated over \$3,000 worth of prizes! Eight places were paid and first place was golf for four plus \$100 credit in the

pro shop to each member of the winning foursome. This event occurs twice a year and gets bigger and better each time. The next tournament will be April 12, 2004, and sign-ups are already being taken. The entry fee is \$150 per team and includes golf, lunch and awards. If you're interested, contact the Guns and Hoses Tournament at Palm Valley Country Club, 39-205 Palm Valley Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92211.

Special notice: The first Coachella Valley Blue Line Golf Tournament of 2004 will be held at Cimarron Golf Resort in Cathedral City on Friday, February 20th. Contact **Ron** and **Elayne Gray** at (760) 360-1810 or [elaynegray@aol.com](mailto:elaynegray@aol.com) for further information.

## Dates to Remember

JANUARY		Event Time/ Social	Meal
January 7	L.A. Retired Fire & Police Association General Meeting	1000	
January 8	S.A.B.L.A.	1130	
January 14	Inland Blue Line	1100	1200
January 21	Valley Retired Blues	1030	
January 22	Richard James	1730	1830
January 24	Timothy Williams	1800	1900
January 26	SWAT Dinner	1800	1900
January 29	Georgia Odom	1130	1200
FEBRUARY		Event Time/ Social	Meal
February 4	L.A. Retired Fire & Police Association General Meeting	1000	
February 18	Valley Retired Blues	1030	

### Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next meeting will be on January 21, 2004, at "The Lamplighter" restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. We meet every month on the third Wednesday in the bar/lounge area of the restaurant. There is no set start time, so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 a.m. Coffee is available until orders are taken. All LAPD officers, wives/friends (active or retired) are welcome to attend. We have no membership dues and time is spent renewing friendships and reminiscing.

We had 27 attending the November 19 luncheon. The following attended: **Richard Allen** (7455), **Bob Baker** (7839), **Walter (Barney) Boronich** (3861), **Ted Debs** (6808), **Clinton Erickson** (5608), **Bill Feddersen** (4823), **Bob Fritz** (4583), **Sal Gallegas** (22173), **John W. Grogan** (11852), **Mike Jauregui** (12143), **Dean** (6057) & **Ginny Knouse**, **Lou Mellott** (4037), **Boris Meneghelli** (3522), **George Moore** (10565), **Paul Nicholas** (4047), **Les Nolte** (10821), **Ray Palaszewski** (6934), **Dale Rickards** (3593), **Cliff Shannon** (2370), **Ted Sproul** (7737), **Stuart Stremsterfer** (4394), **Mel Tousseau** (3270), **Dick Weaver**

(11181), **Marion Yates**, **Dick Young** (10585), and **Clem Zumel** (4493).

**Richard Allen** from Prescott, AZ, and **Ginny Knouse** were first time attendees. There is room for additional 15-20 attendees, so mark your calendars and plan to attend. If you need more information, please contact me at the numbers listed below.

Since Christmas is past, I hope all of you had a great and joyous holiday season with friends and relatives. Hope your New Year's resolutions were to try and have a perfect attendance at The Lamplighters this year.

I know there are a lot of you that worked in the Valley and live in this area and hope you will come and join your old friends for a great bull session. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at [clintsr@pacbell.net](mailto:clintsr@pacbell.net) if you want or have information of interest for us at The Lamplighters.

Our meeting information and attendees are on [www.larfpa.com](http://www.larfpa.com). The names appear on the Web site about a month prior to seeing them in the *Blue Line* column. Hope to see some more new faces at the next meeting in February, and if you don't remember the date, remember it is always the third Wednesday of each month.

## RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

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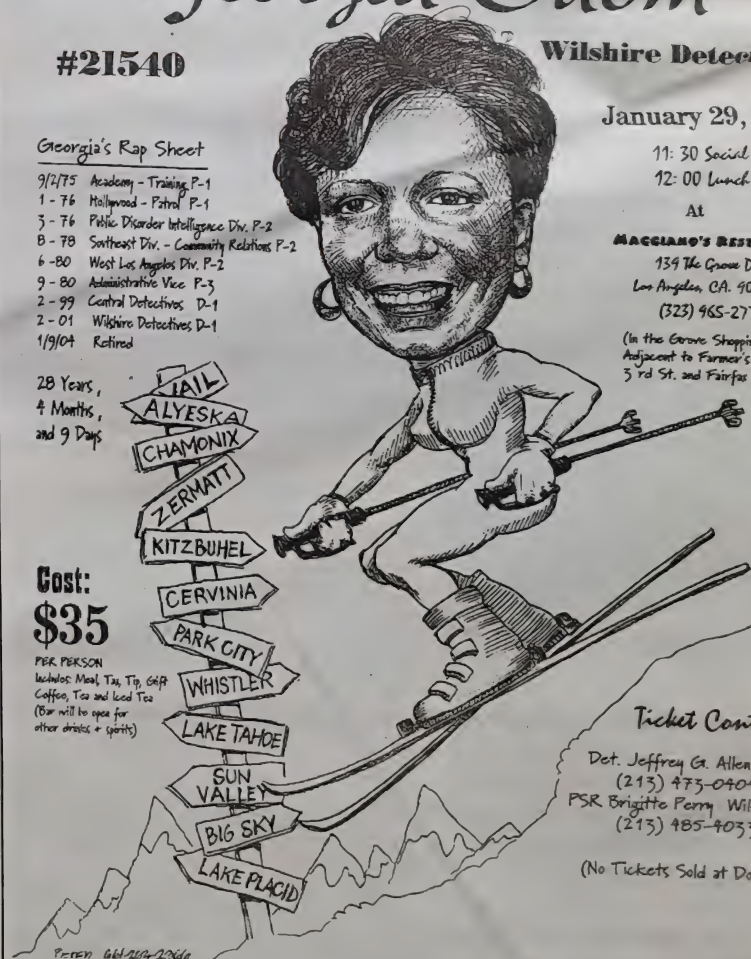
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# Inland Blue Line

by Loyd H. Yandle

## Time is Running Out, the End of an Era

This article was written in November so it would hit *The Thin Blue Line* newspaper in January, so if some time it seems that I am not making any sense, it is because I have to write what has happened instead of what is happening. I may be able to predict what is going to happen, so here goes.

January 8, 2004, will mark our 21st year of the Inland Blue Line, and come January 14, 2004, will be the last luncheon of the Inland Blue Line. On that day, I will be throwing in the towel, so to speak. It is probably the hardest thing I have had to do for a long time. **Beverly** (my deceased wife) and I started this club in 1983 (January 8th). We had a lot of fun for 17 years until she passed away in August, 2000. She truly loved this club and made a lot of new friends. Before she passed away she made me promise that I would keep the Inland Blue Line going. She did not realize that I would be getting older. I told her I would keep it going as long as I was able, but now it has come to the crossroads and I feel that I can't do justice for the club. Oh, I feel okay for an 86-year-old. I can't do a lot of the things that I used to do, a lot of, if you know what I mean. When I conduct a meeting, I know what I want to say, but the words just don't come out to where they make any sense. I don't have Alzheimer's. I just have what is known as old timers. I did not want the club to fold, so for the past two years I have tried every trick in the book to find some younger retiree and his wife to take over the club. I even ran a help wanted ad in *The Thin Blue Line*, and I wrote it several times in my articles asking for someone to take over. But so far I have had no takers. Running this club has been the most fun and gratifying experience for both Beverly and me. We have met some great people. I thought I knew everyone on the Department, because I worked so many different details throughout the police department in my 25 years, but running this club I have met retirees that I never knew while I was on the job.

We tried to have guest speakers at each luncheon, so I spent many hours on the phone running down guest speakers. I tried to figure out what would interest the majority. I guess I did all right, most everyone seemed to enjoy the ones I chose. Well, I guess we all cannot be perfect. I had a small few that were duds, but I could tell which were good and which were bad. Well you know policemen. If they don't like something, they either tell it to your face, or they just get up and walk out. But I guess most of the ones I picked were okay because most of the time most of them stayed until the end.

At this time I would like to thank each of the following for sending us excellent speakers over the years: the Los Angeles Police Credit Union, most notably, Robert Zev, Marketing Vice President, the Los Angeles Police and Fire Retired Association, the pension system, the pension board, the Police Relief Association, the Protective League, Chief **Tom Reddin**, Chief **Daryl Gates**. (Incidentally, both were dues-paying members of the Inland Blue Line.) Chief Reddin would still be coming if he did not have this medical problem that prohibits him from traveling. He was a

great instructor in the academy, a great supervisor and a great chief. I think from 1949 when I came on the Department we had the greatest chiefs throughout the whole country—**Bill Parker**, **Thad Brown**, **Tom Reddin**, **Ed Davis** and **Daryl Gates**. I retired in 1973 so I did not work under **Williams** or **Parks**, thank goodness. I am afraid with my temperament and outspokenness I would have been in trouble.

I cannot write my last article without mentioning **Hymie Kravitz**, one of the all time legends of the LAPD. For all of you that knew him, I have yet to find anyone that didn't love him. For all you that didn't know him, you missed out. Hymie literally ran old Central Station at First and Hill. He knew everything about the station and each new supervisor that was transferred in he would take them under his wing and show them the ropes, so to speak. He knew where the bodies were buried. He was invaluable to every supervisor from the chief on down. Hymie joined the Inland Blue Line in 1983 when we first started and never missed a luncheon until his son moved him to Oregon, where the son lived. Hymie was of Jewish extraction and he always had several good Jewish jokes to tell us, and at every luncheon everyone would die laughing. He was the greatest joke and storyteller. He should have been in Vaudeville. We all miss Hymie. He would either call me or write me and tell me how he misses the old gang and the luncheons. I think Hymie just brooded himself to death.

We had so many guest speakers that it would take three pages to name them all, so I would like to openly thank any and all guests that we have had at the Inland Blue Line over the past 21 years. We have had our luncheons for the past 14 years at the Anchor restaurant, where they have treated us as royalty. Tears came to their eyes when I had to tell them January 14 would be our last luncheon. They told me that we were the greatest bunch they had ever had come to their restaurant. They would go overboard to please us. I tried to think who to have as our last guest speaker. I called several members for suggestions. They all suggested the same thing—have an open old time discussion. Anyone who wants to get up and say anything about anybody or roast someone, have at it. If someone comes up with a good speaker, then we will bring them in, or else we will go as planned. Old time bull session with a few jokes thrown in. But I would like to see every member there for the last luncheon, because for some it may be the last time they will get to see each other. Well you think about it. We would like to see a capacity crowd.

Here is a little excerpt that I will throw in for free. As you all know, I go to Vegas and Laughlin a lot. Sometimes I win and sometimes I almost have to come home by bus, because I lose my shirt and almost have to sell my car. Well last week (Nov. 26th) I was playing the nickel Keno slots and I hit all seven out of seven. Playing five nickels, it paid me 35,000 nickels (\$1,750). I had to show my driver's license and social security card. I told them I did not carry my S.S. card and showed them my Medicare card which has my S.S. number on it. They told me they would not accept my Medicare I.D. and I had to go home to get my S.S. card before they would pay me off. I got my S.S. card when I was going to college in 1937. It said Social

Security Act on the front with my number. They would not accept it. They said as of October 1st any S.S. card that said Social Security Act on it was not any good and that no casino would accept it. They told me I had three days to bring a new S.S. card in or else I would forfeit the money. This is all Indian casinos. So look at your S.S. card. If it doesn't say Social Security only, with your number and Social Security Administration on the back, you better get a new one now. I was able to get it all done with two hours to spare. Now that is if your single winnings are over \$1,199. All this went into effect October 1, 2003. No charge for legal information. Always before at Vegas or Laughlin they have accepted a driver's license and Medicare card, but it is best you check and get an updated S.S. card.

I have enjoyed being your president of

what I think was the greatest club in the whole retirement system. Naturally, every club thinks their club is the greatest. I'm going to miss seeing all the guys and gals, but I hope some of them will keep in touch and let me know if they are still kicking. So before I break down and get tears all over the paper, I will sign off with a God bless you all, and I hope to see all of you at the January luncheon. It will be at the Anchor restaurant, 2524 E. Florida Ave., Hemet, Calif. Tariff is still \$12 per person including tax and tip. Members don't send in any new dues. Anyone is welcome, just let me know. My phone number is (909) 925-4491. Reservations should be in by January 11, 2004, but we are not going to turn any retiree away. Matter of fact, we are not turning any copper away, retired or not. So buckle up and be careful. It's a jungle out there! ♦

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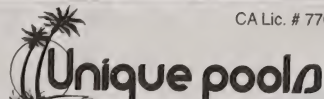
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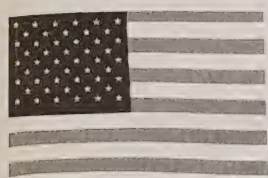


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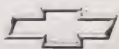


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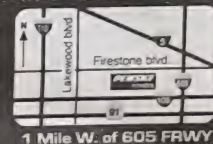
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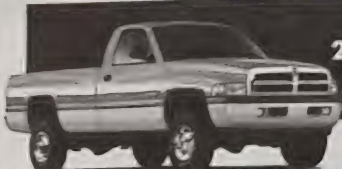


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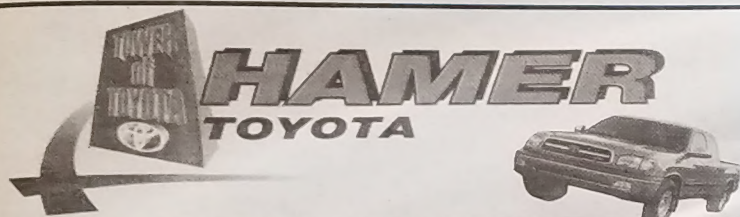
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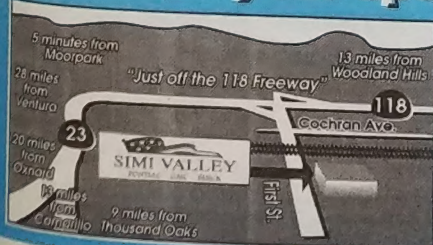
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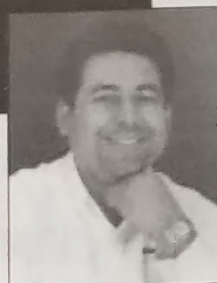
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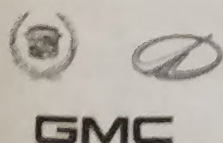
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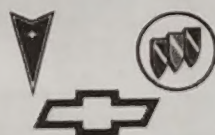
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